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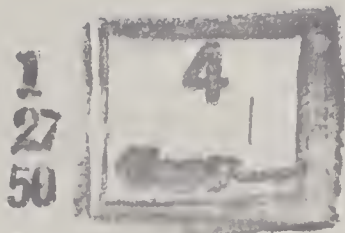


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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution No. 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 2, 1931 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 275B), authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans' organizations in the United States be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall be printed annually, with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the session of the Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved September 18, 1941.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 27, 1949.*

To the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law No. 249, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved September 18, 1941, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of Proceedings of the Eighty-third and Final Encampment held at Indianapolis, Ind., August 28 to September 1, 1949, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
*Adjutant and Quartermaster General,
Grand Army of the Republic.*

ENCAMPMENT ROLL
LIST OF COMMITTEES

ROLL OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1949

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in Chief

THEODORE A. PENLAND, Vancouver, Wash.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief

CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, Long Beach, Calif.

Adjutant and Quartermaster General

JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

National Patriotic Instructor

CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, Long Beach, Calif.

National Chief of Staff

ALBERT WOOLSON, Duluth, Minn.¹

¹ Entitled to vote as a past department commander.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

California and Nevada : Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Calif.

Connecticut : Charles Douglass, New Haven, Conn.

Illinois : Lewis Fablinger, Downers Grove, Ill.

Iowa : James P. Martin, Sutherland, Iowa.

Kentucky : Robert Barrett, Sr., Princeton, Ky.

Oklahoma : George Grizzle, Holdenville, Okla.

Oregon : Theodore A. Penland, Vancouver, Wash.

Washington and Alaska : Hiram R. Gale, of Seattle, Wash.

Wisconsin : Lansing A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson ² (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871) -----	1866
S. A. Hurlbut ² Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882) -----	1866-67
John A. Logan, ² Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886) -----	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, ² Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881) -----	1871-72
Charles Devens, ² Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892) -----	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, ² Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1889) -----	1875-76
John C. Robinson, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1897) -----	1877-78
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885) -----	1879
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) -----	1880
George S. Merrill, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900) -----	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) -----	1882
Robert B. Beath, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1924) -----	1883
John S. Kountz, ² Ohio (died June 14, 1909) -----	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, ² Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914) -----	1885
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896) -----	1886
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) -----	1887
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) -----	1888
Russell A. Alger, ² Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907) -----	1889
Wheelock G. Veazey, ² Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898) -----	1890
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) -----	1891
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) -----	1892
John G. B. Adams, ² Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900) -----	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, ² Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908) -----	1894
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) -----	1895
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) -----	1896
John P. S. Gobin, ² Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910) -----	1897
James A. Sexton, ² Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899) -----	1898
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917) -----	1899
Albert D. Shaw, ² New York (died Feb. 10, 1901) -----	1899
Leo Rassieur, ² Missouri (died June 1, 1929) -----	1900
Ell Torrance, ² Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932) -----	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917) -----	1902
John C. Black, ² Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915) -----	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, ² Massachusetts (died in office, July 16, 1905) -----	1904
John R. King, ² Maryland (promoted July 16, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934) -----	1905
James Tanner, ² New York (died Oct. 2, 1927) -----	1905
Robert B. Brown, ² Ohio (died July 30, 1916) -----	1906
Charles G. Burton, ² Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926) -----	1907
Henry N. Nevius, ² New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911) -----	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² Minnesota (died Oct. 3, 1936) -----	1909
John E. Gilman, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921) -----	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, ² Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918) -----	1911
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) -----	1912
Washington Gardner, ² Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928) -----	1913
David J. Palmer, ² Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928) -----	1914
Elias A. Monfort, ² Ohio (died July 29, 1920) -----	1915
W. J. Patterson, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926) -----	1916
Orlando, A. Somers, ² Indiana (died June 9, 1921) -----	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, ² Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924) -----	1918
James D. Bell, ² New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919) -----	1919
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (promoted Nov. 1919, died Oct. 19, 1925) -----	1919
William A. Ketcham, ² Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921) -----	1920

² Deceased.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Lewis S. Pilcher, ² New York (died Dec. 24, 1934)-----	1921
James W. Willett, ² Iowa (died May 13, 1940)-----	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930)-----	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 20, 1934)-----	1924
John B. Inman, ² Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929)-----	1925
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, ² California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930)-----	1927
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1928
Edwin J. Foster, ² Massachusetts (died Sept. 11, 1939)-----	1929
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1930
Samuel P. Town, ² Pennsylvania (died July 9, 1937)-----	1931
William P. Wright, ² (died in office, June 15, 1933)-----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif. (promoted June 15, 1933)-----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif. (elected Sept. 21, 1933)-----	1933
Alfred E. Stacy, ² New York (died Mar. 9, 1940)-----	1934
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1935
C. H. William Ruhe, ² Pennsylvania (died May 20, 1941)-----	1936
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941)-----	1937
Robert M. Rownd, ² Ripley, N. Y.-----	1938
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (died in office, June 30, 1940)-----	1939
A. T. Anderson, ² Pennsylvania (promoted June 30, 1940) (died Sept. 15, 1944)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1940
George A. Gay, ² Massachusetts (died Dec. 15, 1944)-----	1941
John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.-----	1942
George H. Jones, ² Oxford, Maine (died Aug. 2, 1946)-----	1943
Isaac W. Sharp, ² Warsaw, Ind. (died Nov. 10, 1946)-----	1944
Hiram R. Gale-----	1945
John H. Grate, ² Atwater, Ohio-----	1946
Robert M. Rownd, ² Ripley, N. Y.-----	1938
T. A. Penland, Portland, Oreg-----	1948

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, ² New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)-----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)-----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)-----	1869-70
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, ² New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)-----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)-----	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)-----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)-----	1878
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)-----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, ² Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)-----	1880
Charles L. Young, ² Ohio (died Sept. 1913)-----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, ² Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)-----	1882
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)-----	1883
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)-----	1884
Seldon Connor, ² Maine (died July 9, 1917)-----	1885
S. W. Backus, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930)-----	1886
Nelson Cole, ² Missouri (died July 31, 1899)-----	1887
Moses H. Neil, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1929)-----	1888
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)-----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, ² Massachusetts (died in office, Nov. 22, 1890)-----	1890
George H. Innis, ² Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)-----	1891
Henry W. Duffield, ² Michigan (died July 13, 1912)-----	1891
R. H. Warfield, ² California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)-----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)-----	1893
A. P. Burchfield, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)-----	1894
E. H. Hobson, ² Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)-----	1895
John H. Mullen, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)-----	1896
Alfred Lyth, ² New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)-----	1897
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)-----	1898

² Deceased.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)-----	1899
Irvin Robbins, ² Indiana (died Feb. 9, 1911)-----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, ² Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)-----	1900
John McElroy, ² Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929)-----	1901
William M. Olin, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)-----	1902
C. Mason Kinne, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)-----	1903
John R. King, ² Maryland (commander in chief July 17, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934)-----	1904
George W. Patten, ² Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905
George W. Cook, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William A. Armstrong, ² Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)-----	1908
William M. Bostaph, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 8, 1935)-----	1909
Charles Burrows, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 17, 1935)-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, ² New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March 1923)-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, ² Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, ² Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, ² Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)---	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, ² Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929)-----	1915
William H. Wormstead, ² Massachusetts (died Aug. 16, 1938)-----	1916
John L. Clem, ² Potomac (died May 13, 1937)-----	1917
John G. Chambers, ³ Oregon-----	1918
Charles B. Wilson, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 1, 1928)-----	1919
George A. Hosley, ² Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ² Indiana (died May 15, 1926)-----	1921
C. S. Brodbent, ² Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931)-----	1922
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930)-----	1924
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1925
A. G. Beatty, ² Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)-----	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, ² New York (died Jan. 12, 1936)-----	1927
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1928
Charles E. Nason, ² Maine (died Sept. 15, 1932)-----	1929
Jacob Secrest, ² Ohio (died Nov. 26, 1935)-----	1930
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1931
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif. (commander in chief, June 15, 1933) (died Dec. 29, 1945)-----	1932
Charles E. Jones, ² Alabama (promoted June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1933
Thomas H. Peacock, ² Minnesota (died in office, Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (promoted Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1934
Harding I. Merrill, ² Kansas (died June 22, 1937)-----	1934
A. C. Estabrook, ² Michigan (died Feb. 12, 1941)-----	1935
Henry F. Russell, ² Ohio (died Dec. 3, 1937)-----	1936
Henry Held, ² Wisconsin (died Aug. 6, 1939)-----	1937
Frank L. Quade, ² Iowa (died May 9, 1945)-----	1938
A. T. Anderson, ² Washington, Pa. (commander in chief, June 30, 1940) (died Sept. 15, 1944)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (promoted June 30, 1940; died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1940
Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill-----	1940
Thomas Ridenour, ² Crestline, Ohio (died Feb. 7, 1946)-----	1941
Isaac W. Sharp, ² Warsaw, Ind (died Nov. 10, 1946)-----	1942
Lansing A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis-----	1943
John M. Gudgel, ² Shenandoah, Iowa (died March 22, 1947)-----	1944
John H. Grate, ^{5,2} Atwater, Ohio-----	1945
T. A. Penland, ⁵ Portland, Oreg-----	1946-47

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.⁵ Past commander in chief.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, ² Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903) -----	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905) -----	1866-69
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) -----	1870
James Coey, ² California (died July 14, 1918) -----	1871
J. Warren Keifer, ² Ohio (died Apr. 22, 1933) -----	1871-72
Edgar Ferguson, ² Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901) -----	1873
Guy T. Gould, ² Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919) -----	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, ² Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896) -----	1875-76
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885) -----	1877
Herbert E. Hill, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892) -----	1878
Harrison Dingman, ² Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925) -----	1879
George Bowers, ² New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884) -----	1880
C. V. R. Pond, ² Michigan (died June 9, 1912) -----	1881
I. S. Bangs, ² Maine (died May 30, 1903) -----	1882
Walter H. Holmes, ² California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889) -----	1883
Ira E. Hicks, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919) -----	1884
John R. Lewis, ² Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900) -----	1885
Edgar Allen, ² Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904) -----	1886
John C. Linehan, ² New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905) -----	1887
Joseph Hadfield, ³ New York -----	1888
John F. Lovett, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 27, 1926) -----	1889
George B. Creamer, ² Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896) -----	1890
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) -----	1891
Peter B. Ayars, ² Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904) -----	1892
J. C. Bigger, ² Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900) -----	1893
Charles H. Shute, ² Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907) -----	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, ² Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909) -----	1895
Charles W. Buckley, ² Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906) -----	1896
Francis B. Allen, ² Connecticut (died July 26, 1921) -----	1897
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916) --	1898
Michael Minton, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911) -----	1899
Frank Seaman, ² Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910) -----	1900
James O'Donnell, ² Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910) -----	1901
James P. Averill, ² Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904) -----	1902
Harry C. Kessler, ² Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907) -----	1903
George N. Patton, ² Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906) -----	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, ² Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917) -----	1905
Silas H. Towler, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930) -----	1905
E. B. Fenton, ² Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927) -----	1906
William M. Scott, ² Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928) -----	1907
Charles C. Royce, ² Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923) -----	1908
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) -----	1909
William James, ² Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923) -----	1910
William A. Ogden, ² Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914) -----	1911
Americus Whedon, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921) -----	1912
A. S. Fowler, ² Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922) -----	1913
W. F. Conner, ² Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919) -----	1914
Oscar A. James, ² Michigan (elected Apr. 1, 1914; died Apr. 26, 1933) -----	1915
Le Vant Dodge, ² Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925) -----	1915
E. K. Russ, ³ Louisiana -----	1916
John M. Vernon, ² Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921) -----	1917
Charles H. Haber, ² Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927) -----	1918
Isidor Isaacs, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1924) -----	1919
J. E. Gandy, ² Washington and Alaska (died June 5, 1934) -----	1920
Henry A. Johnson, ² Potomac (died Dec. 5, 1935) -----	1921
C. V. Gardner, ² South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930) -----	1922
George T. Leech, ² Maryland (died Aug. 4, 1940) -----	1923
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935) -----	1924

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

William O. Allen, ² New Jersey (died Sept. 22, 1931)_____	1925
Charles H. Haskins, ² California and Nevada (died Oct. 16, 1933)_____	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, ² Minnesota (died Sept. 20, 1940)_____	1927
Henry J. Kearney, ² New York (died Apr. 30, 1933)_____	1928
James W. Shields, ² Idaho (died Dec. 17, 1933)_____	1929
Charles H. Lewis, ² Rhode Island (died May 1938)_____	1930
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif_____	1931
Charles E. Jones, ² (senior vice, June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)_____	1932
Arthur Dawson, ² Illinois (elected Sept. 18, 1933; died Apr. 7, 1940)_____	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (senior vice, Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)_____	1933
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (elected Apr. 27, 1934; died June 30, 1940)_____	1934
George H. Pounder, ² Wisconsin (died Dec. 10, 1936)_____	1934
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941)_____	1935
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill_____	1936
Robert M. Rownd, ⁸ Ripley, N. Y_____	1937
John W. Carroll, ² North Dakota (died March 3, 1942)_____	1938
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (senior vice, June 30, 1940; died Mar. 17, 1944)_____	1939
William H. McCoy, ² New Jersey (elected Sept. 9, 1940; died Nov. 16, 1941)_____	1940
Rustan O. Reed, ² Washington (died Feb. 23, 1942)_____	1940
John S. Dumser, ⁸ Oakland, Calif_____	1941
Charles H. Perry, ² Minnesota (died 1944)_____	1942
Hiram H. Shumate, ² Riverton, Ill_____	1943
Hiram R. Gale, ⁸ Washington and Alaska_____	1944
Theodore A. Penland, ¹ Portland, Oreg_____	1945
John R. Bennett, ² Waynesfield, Ohio_____	1946
Wm. H. Osborne, ² Joplin, Mo_____	1947
Robert M. Rownd, ² Ripley, N. Y_____	1947-48
Charles L. Chappel, ¹ Long Beach, Calif_____	1948-49

PAST ADJUTANT GENERAL (LIVING)

Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill_____	1940
John S. Dumser, ⁸ Oakland, Calif_____	1947-49

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁸ Past commander in chief.

DEPARTMENTS

{The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization}

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1948, 4. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- JOHN S. DUMSER.
Senior vice department commander----- CHARLES L. CHAPPEL.
Junior vice department commander----- DOUGLAS T. STORY.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John E. Miller, ² (provisional), 1867.	W. R. Thomas, ² 1912.
James Coey, ² 1868-69.	G. M. Stormont, ² 1913.
W. L. Campbell, ² 1870.	B. B. Tuttle, ² 1914.
W. E. McArthur, ² 1871-72.	Hiram P. Thompson, ² 1915.
W. H. Aiken, ² 1873-74.	A. E. Leavitt, ² 1916.
A. Carlson, ² 1875.	C. H. Haskins, ² 1917.
A. C. Bagley, ² 1876.	John H. Roberts, ² 1918.
S. W. Backus, ² 1877.	R. C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, 1919.
S. P. Ford, ² 1878-79.	George D. Kellogg, ² 1920 (died in of- fice).
C. Mason Kinne, ² 1880-81.	G. M. Burlingame, ² 1920.
W. A. Robinson, ² 1882.	William H. Noll, ² 1921.
J. W. Staples, ² 1883.	S. W. Hopkins, ² 1922.
James M. Davis, ² 1884.	James R. Milner, ² 1923.
R. H. Warfield, ² 1885.	George W. Grannis, ² 1924.
W. R. Smedburg, ² 1886.	C. S. Stoddard, ² 1925.
E. S. Salomon, ² 1887.	Peter H. Mass, ² 1926.
T. H. Goodman, ² 1888.	W. A. Packard, ² 1927.
George E. Gard, ² 1889.	H. H. Woodruff, ² 1928.
A. J. Buckles, ² 1890.	Darwin B. Wolcott, ² Los Angeles, 1929.
W. H. L. Barnes, ² 1891.	John C. Chapman, ² 1930.
J. B. Fuller, ² 1892.	A. E. Vest, ² 1931.
E. C. Seymour, ² 1893.	J. S. Dumser, ⁷ Oakland, 1932.
J. M. Walling, ² 1894.	O. H. Mennet, ² 1933.
C. E. Wilson, ² 1895.	Wm. H. Bostaph, ² 1934 (died in office).
T. C. Masteller, ³ 1896.	George N. Lockwood, ² Los Angeles, 1935.
N. P. Chipman, ² 1897.	S. R. Yoho, ² San Francisco, 1936.
Sol Cahen, ² 1898.	John W. Grimes, ² 1937.
A. F. Dill, ² 1899.	F. R. Young, ² 1938.
George M. Mott, ² 1900.	Robert C. Blair, ² 1939.
George Stone, ² 1901.	Calvin H. Blanchard, ² Oakland, 1940.
W. G. Hawley, ² 1902.	Elisha Ames, ² W. Los Angeles, 1941.
William R. Shafter, ² 1903.	Oliver H. Castle, ² 1942.
Charles T. Rice, ² 1904.	John W. Smith, ² Santa Cruz, 1943.
W. W. Russell, ² 1905.	Henry M. Mingay, ² Glendale, Calif., 1944.
William C. Alberger, ² 1906.	Chas. L. Chappel, ¹ Long Beach, 1945.
William G. Waters, ² 1907.	John S. Dumser, ⁷ 1946.
Samuel Merrill, ² 1908.	John W. Smith, 1947.
W. S. Daubenspeck, ² 1909.	Charles L. Chappel, 1948.
E. L. Hawk, ² 1910.	
H. V. Parker, ³ 1911.	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

⁷ Past commander in chief.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. Clyde Millar,² 1893, transferred from Alabama.
George Hoxworth,² 1897, transferred from Arizona.
James P. Rhodes,² 1920, transferred from Arizona.
D. P. Kyle,² 1921, transferred from Arizona.
H. F. Wallace,² 1916, transferred from Arkansas.
U. S. Hollister,² 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
R. H. Mellette,² 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
P. Q. Stoner,² 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
Silas Wilson,² 1919, transferred from Idaho.
Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877, transferred from Illinois.
John J. Steadman,² 1892, transferred from Iowa.
O. H. Coulter,² 1899, transferred from Kansas.
Perry H. Manchester,² 1900, transferred from Montana.
A. V. Cole,² 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
John W. Edwards,² 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
H. B. Steward,² 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from New York.
William A. Bentley,² 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
J. P. Cummings,² 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
James E. Burns,² 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. H. Hornaday,² 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. S. Tilton,² 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
M. V. Lucas,² 1884-86, transferred from South Dakota.
E. T. Langley,² 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
Philip Lawrence,² 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
M. A. Breeden,² 1900, transferred from Utah.
William M. Bostaph,² 1902, transferred from Utah.
Frank M. Davis,² 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
John J. See,² 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
O. D. McDonald,² 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
A. H. DeGroff,² 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

² Deceased.

CONNECTICUT (6)

(Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- CHARLES DOUGLAS, New Haven

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland,² 1867.
 Theodore G. Ellis,² 1868-69.
 William A. Mallory,² 1870-71.
 L. A. Dickinson, 1872-73.
 Charles S. Buckbee,² 1874-75.
 William E. Disbrow,² 1876-77.
 Frank G. Otis,² 1878.
 Frank E. Fowler,² 1878-79.
 George S. Smith,² 1880.
 Alfred B. Beers,² 1881.
 Ira E. Hicks,² 1882.
 Isaac C. Hyatt,² 1883.
 William Berry,² 1884.
 Frank D. Sloat,² 1885.
 John T. Crary,² 1886.
 Henry E. Taintor,² 1887.
 Samuel B. Horne,² 1888.
 William H. Pierpont,² 1889.
 John C. Broatch,² 1890.
 Henry N. Fauton,² 1891.
 Benajah P. Smith,² 1892.
 Wilbur F. Rogers,² 1893.
 Selah G. Blakeman,² 1894.
 John M. Brewer,² 1895.
 Oscar W. Cornish,² 1896.
 Gustav D. Bates,² 1897.
 William Simonds,² 1898.
 Henry R. Jones,² 1899.
 John K. Bucklyn,² 1900.
 Thomas Boudren,² 1901.
 N. Burton Rogers,² 1902.
 Morgan G. Bulkeley,² 1903.
 William C. Hilliard,² 1904.
 Albert A. May,² 1905.
 Virgil F. McNeil,² 1906.
 Charles A. Appel,² 1907.
 Edward Griswold,² 1908.

George Haven,² 1909.
 Edson S. Bishop,² 1910.
 Richard J. Cutbill,² 1911.
 William H. Dougal,² 1912.
 James R. Sloane,² 1913.
 Fred V. Streeter,² 1914.
 Charles Griswold,² 1915.
 Henry J. Seeley,² 1916.
 Benjamin H. Cheney,² 1917.
 Christian Quien,² 1918.
 George T. Meech,² 1919.
 Randolph Williamson,² 1920.
 Christian Swartz,² 1921.
 Orrin M. Price,² 1922.
 John L. Saxe,² 1923.
 Ira R. Wildman,² 1924.
 James W. Davis,² 1925.
 James R. Young,² 1926.
 Charles M. Shailer,² 1927.
 George A. Tucker,² 1928.
 James Haggerty,² 1929.
 Frank A. Cargill,² 1930.
 Henry W. Burrill,² 1931.
 Lewis L. Baker,² 1932.
 Edward T. Abbott,² 1933.
 Lyman H. Call,² 1934.
 Caspar D. Wallace,² 1935.
 Edward A. Pinkney,² 1936 (died in office).
 Russell Van Deusen,² 1936.
 Charles Douglas,⁴ New Haven, 1937.
 Truman N. Parsons,² 1938.
 Nathan Coe,² 1939-40.
 Truman N. Parsons,² 1941-42 (died in office).
 Charles Douglas,⁴ New Haven, 1943-48.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

ILLINOIS (1)

(Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1948, 2. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- LEWIS FABLINGER.
 Senior vice department commander----- THOMAS AMBROSE.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, ² 1866.	Joseph Rosenbaum, ² 1908.
John M. Palmer, ² 1867.	Philip C. Hayes, ² 1909.
Thomas S. Osborne, ² 1868-70.	James A. Connolly, ² 1910.
Charles E. Lippincott, ² 1871.	C. C. Duffy, ² 1911.
Hubert Dilger, ² 1872.	Thomas H. Gault, ² 1912.
Guy T. Gould, ² 1873.	J. H. Crowder, ² 1913.
H. H. Hilliard, ² 1874-76.	Samuel Fallows, ² 1914.
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² 1877 (see California and Nevada).	John M. Snyder, ² 1915.
T. B. Coulter, ² 1878.	W. F. Calhoun, ² 1916.
Edgar D. Swain, ² 1878-80.	C. S. Bentley, ² 1917.
J. W. Burst, ² 1881.	Joseph W. Fifer, ² 1918.
Thomas G. Lawler, ² 1882.	Henry D. Fulton, ² 1919.
Samuel A. Harper, ² 1883.	Edwin N. Armstrong, ² 1920.
L. T. Dickason, ² 1884.	William P. Wright, ² 1921.
W. W. Berry, ² 1885.	E. P. Bartlett, ² 1922 (died in office).
Philip Sidney Post, ² 1886.	J. M. Oulson, ² 1922.
A. C. Sweetser, ² 1887.	William J. Libberton, ² 1923.
James A. Sexton, ² 1888.	Philip Smith, ² 1924.
James S. Martin, ² 1889.	O. R. Kenney, ² 1925.
William L. Distin, ² 1890.	John E. Andrew, ² 1926.
Horace S. Clark, ² 1891.	D. H. Harper, ² 1927.
Edwin Harlan, ² 1892.	Charles T. Marsh, ² 1928.
Edwin A. Blodgett, ² 1893.	H. B. Davidson, ² 1929.
H. H. McDowell, ² 1894.	A. C. Best, ² 1930.
William H. Powell, ² 1895.	James H. Campbell, ² 1931.
W. G. Cochran, ² 1896.	H. C. First, ² 1932 (died in office).
A. L. Schimpff, ² 1897.	Wm. O'Callaghan, ² 1932.
John C. Black, ² 1898.	George A. Robinson, ² 1933.
John B. Inman, ² 1899.	William N. Hodge, ² 1934.
J. M. Longnecker, ² 1900.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1935.
N. B. Thistlewood, ² 1901.	William N. Hodge, ² 1936.
H. M. Trimble, ² 1902.	John E. Andrew, ² 1937-38.
Benson Wood, ² 1903.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1939.
Robert Mann Woods, ² 1904.	Hiram H. Shumate, ^{2 6} Riverton, 1940-43.
John C. Smith, ² 1905.	William P. Lockwood, Kankakee, 1944.
Edwin H. Buck, ² 1906.	Hiram H. Shumate, ^{2 6} Riverton, 1940-46.
A. C. Mathews, ² 1907.	Lewis Fablinger, 1947-48.

Milton J. Stewart,² 1885, transferred from Kansas.
 Charles M. Travis,² 1889, transferred from Indiana.

² Deceased.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁶ Past junior vice commander in chief.

INDIANA

(Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1948, 2. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- JOHN C. ADAMS,^{2 7} Jonesboro
Senior vice department commander----- W. E. WHITTINGILL,² Lebanon
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, ² 1866; 1868.	Alexander P. Asbury, ² 1910.
Nathan Kimball, ² 1867.	Daniel Vaughn, ² 1911.
Oliver M. Wilson, ² 1869	Frank Swigart, ² 1912 (died in office).
Louis Humphrey, ² 1870-71.	Wilbur E. Gorsuch, ² 1912.
Jonathan B. Hager, ² 1879.	Daniel W. Comstock, ² 1913.
Samuel E. Armstrong, ² 1880.	A. B. Crampton, ² 1914.
William W. Dudley, ² 1881.	Lewis King, ² 1915.
James R. Carnahan, ² 1882-83.	V. V. Williams, ² 1916.
Edwin Nicar, ² 1884.	Samuel M. Hensch, ² 1917.
David N. Foster, ² 1885.	Alonzo Murphy, ² 1918.
Thomas W. Bennett, ² 1886.	William F. Medsker, ² 1919.
Ira J. Chase, ² 1887.	Robert W. McBride, ² 1920.
Argus D. Vanosdol, ² 1888.	Richard H. Hyner, ² 1921.
Charles M. Travis, ² 1889 (see Illinois).	William A. Kelsey, ² 1922.
Gill R. Stormont, ² 1890.	Albert J. Ball, ² 1923.
Ivan N. Walker, ² 1891.	F. M. VanPelt, ² 1924.
Joseph B. Cheadle, ² 1892.	David Strouse, ² 1925.
James T. Johnston, ² 1893.	James W. Spain, ² 1926.
Albert P. Marsh, ² 1894.	John W. Hoffman, ² 1927.
Harvey B. Shively, ² 1895.	W. F. Molyneaux, ² 1928.
Henry M. Caylor, ² 1896.	Charles E. Hale, ² 1929.
James S. Dodge, ² 1897.	Isaac B. Austin, ² 1930 (died in office).
Daniel Ryan, ² 1898.	James Kilmartin, ² 1930.
William L. Dunlap, ² 1899.	F. M. McNair, ² 1931.
David E. Beem, ² 1900.	James Bowden, ² 1932.
Milton Garrigus, ² 1901.	Jasper N. Callicott, ² 1933.
Benjamin Starr, ² 1902.	John F. McKinley, ² 1934 (died in office).
George W. Grubbs, ² 1903.	Edward McClelland, ² 1935.
Daniel R. Lucas, ² 1904.	Quincey A. Hunt, ² 1936.
Marine D. Tackett, ² 1905.	John H. Stone, ² 1937-41 (died in office).
Edmund R. Brown, ² 1906.	David S. Moist, ² 1942.
William A. Ketcham, ² 1907.	Isaac W. Sharp, ² Warsaw, 1942-44.
John D. Alexander, ² 1908.	John F. Smith, ² Marion, 1945.
Orlando A. Somers, ² 1909.	John C. Adams, ² Jonesboro, 1946-48.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Dr. Henry C. Rogers,² Rockville

² Deceased.

⁷ Adjutant and quartermaster general.

IOWA (19)

(Organized September 28, 1866 ; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- JAMES P. MARTIN, Sutherland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott,² 1874-75.
 A. A. Perkins,² 1876-78.
 H. E. Griswold,² 1879.
 W. F. Conrad,² 1880.
 Peter V. Carey,² 1881.
 George B. Hugin,² 1882.
 John B. Cook,² 1883.
 E. G. Miller,² 1884.
 W. R. Manning,² 1885.
 W. A. McHenry,² 1886.
 J. M. Tuttle,² 1887.
 E. A. Consigny,² 1888.
 Charles H. Smith,² 1889.
 Mason P. Mills,² 1890.
 Charles L. Davidson,² 1891.
 J. J. Steadman,² 1892 (see California and Nevada).
 Phil. Schaller,² 1893.
 George A. Newman,² 1894.
 J. K. P. Thompson,² 1895.
 Josiah Given,² 1896.
 A. H. Evans,² 1897.
 R. W. Tirrell,² 1898.
 C. F. Bailey,² 1899.
 M. B. Davis,² 1900.
 George Metzger,² 1901.
 John Lindt,² 1902.
 L. B. Raymond,² 1903.
 R. T. St. John,² 1904.
 S. H. Harper,² 1905.
 C. A. Clark,² 1906.
 D. J. Palmer,² 1907.
 J. C. Milliman,² 1908.
 M. McDonald,² 1909.
 H. A. Dyer,² 1910.
 Lot Abraham,² 1911.
 J. D. Brown,² 1912.

J. W. Willett,² 1913.
 Byron C. Ward,² 1914.
 John F. Merry,² 1915.
 John H. Mills,² 1916.
 J. L. Farrington,² 1917.
 E. J. C. Bealer,² 1918.
 A. G. Beatty,² 1919.
 R. L. Chase,² 1920.
 J. B. Harsh,² 1921.
 L. J. Kron,² 1922.
 W. W. Gist,² 1923 (died in office).
 W. S. Freeman,² 1923.
 W. H. Needham,² 1924 (died in office).
 D. B. Cowles,² 1924 (died in office).
 Orlando S. Hartman,² 1924.
 Frank Dagle,² 1925.
 E. J. Stonebraker,² 1926.
 Oley Nelson,² 1927.
 J. W. Stratton,² 1928.
 John K. Ewing,² 1929 (died in office).
 Joseph Pratt,² 1930.
 Watson Ridsen,² 1930.
 John T. Lucas,² 1931.
 T. J. Noll,² 1932.
 Frank L. Quade,² 1933.
 L. J. Leech,² 1934.
 Horace B. Kelly,² 1935 (died in office).
 J. C. Hanes,² 1935.
 John P. Risley,² 1936-37 (died in office).
 Michael Hawk,² 1938.
 James W. Willett,² 1939 (died in office).
 Jacob J. Neuman,² 1940.
 Elliott P. Taylor,² 1941.
 John M. Gudgel,⁵ Shenandoah, 1942.
 David S. Sisk,² Marshalltown, 1943.
 John M. Gudgel,⁵ Shenandoah, 1944-46.
 James P. Martin,⁴ Sutherland, 1947-48.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.

KENTUCKY (27)

(Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- ROBERT BARRETT,⁴ Princeton.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie,² 1883.
 W. H. Harton,² 1884.
 George W. Northup,² 1885.
 T. Z. Morrow, 1886.
 William Bowman,² 1887.
 Orrin A. Reynolds,² 1888.
 Vincent Boreing,² 1889.
 Michael Minton,² 1890.
 Samuel G. Hills,² 1891.
 Edward H. Hobson,² 1892.
 T. Edward Livezey,² 1893.
 Daniel O'Riley,² 1894.
 Robert M. Kelly,² 1895.
 Americus Whedon,² 1896.
 Andrew J. Tharp,² 1897.
 J. W. Hammond,² 1898.
 Joseph H. Browning,² 1899.
 L. M. Drye,² 1900.
 John Blaes,² 1901.
 T. F. Beyland,² 1902.
 W. G. Force,² 1903.
 William T. Bausmith,² 1904.
 Bernard Matthews,² 1905.
 George Grimstead,² 1906.
 Le Vant Dodge,² 1907-08.

R. B. Hewetson,² 1909.
 Sanford D. Van Pelt,² 1910.
 Charles C. Degman,² 1911.
 John Barr,² 1912.
 W. J. L. Hughes,² 1913.
 Edward Farley,² 1914.
 John T. Gunn,² 1915.
 Sam D. Brown,² 1916.
 J. R. Howard,² 1917.
 T. A. Casey,² 1918.
 Andrew Offut,² 1919.
 M. H. Davidson,² 1920.
 Jacob Seibert,² 1921.
 John T. English,² 1922.
 E. F. Tucker,² 1923.
 C. C. Furr,² 1924.
 J. D. Compton,² 1925.
 Albert Scott,² 1926 (died in office).
 Cyrus Edwards,² 1926-28.
 John T. Thompson,² 1929.
 Robert T. Smith,² 1930-33.
 Charles L. Dudley,² 1934-36.
 R. R. Graham,² 1937-43 (died in office).
 Robert Barrett, Sr.,⁴ Princeton, 1943-48.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

MISSOURI (25)

(Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. OSBORN,^{1 2} Joplin.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner,² 1882-83.
 W. F. Chamberlain,² 1884.
 Nelson Cole,² 1885-86.
 E. E. Kimball,² 1887.
 Hiram Smith, Jr.,² 1888.
 John E. Phelps,² 1889 (see Washington and Alaska).
 Leo Rassieur,² 1890.
 George W. Martin,² 1891.
 C. W. Whitehead,² 1892.
 Charles G. Burton,² 1893.
 Louis Grund,² 1894.
 Louis Benecke,² 1895.
 Thomas B. Rodgers,² 1896.
 John B. Platt,² 1897.
 A. G. Peterson,² 1898.
 John W. Scott,² 1899.
 Wilbur F. Henry,² 1900.
 George Hall,² 1901.
 Ira T. Bronson,² 1902.
 F. M. Sterrett,² 1903 (see Ohio).
 Jere T. Dew,² 1904.
 Henry Fairback,² 1905.
 John M. Williams,² 1906.
 Thomas D. Kimball,² 1907.
 J. V. Martin,² 1908.
 W. H. Skinner,² 1909.
 Robert N. Denham,² 1910.
 Benjamin Warner,² 1911.
 Charles W. Ruby,² 1912.
 Arthur Dreifus,² 1913.

William Lowe,² 1914.
 James B. Dobyne,² 1915.
 Alex McCandless,² 1916.
 Thomas W. Evans,² 1917.
 Phil F. Coghlan,² 1918.
 W. C. Calland,² 1919.
 Samuel D. Webster,² 1920.
 A. J. P. Barnes,² 1921.
 James H. Hunter,² 1922.
 Samuel M. Mann,² 1923.
 Alfred Zartman,² 1924.
 Charles Kooock,² 1925.
 John W. Lanley,² 1926.
 D. H. Balldridge,² 1927.
 John Ferguson,² 1928.
 Chas. H. Mitchell,² 1929.
 C. P. Woodruff,² 1930.
 P. L. Swartz,² 1931.
 A. M. Reynolds,² 1932.
 R. B. Tyler,² 1933.
 Smith George,² 1934.
 Perry Martin,² 1935.
 Jno. Hollingsworth,² 1936.
 William Kowazek, Hawk Point, 1937.
 A. J. P. Barnes,² 1938.
 Stephen Thomas,² 1939.
 R. B. Tyler,² 1940 (died in office).
 Jno. Hollingsworth,² 1941.
 William H. Osborn,² Joplin, 1942-48
 (died in office).

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

NEBRASKA (17)

(Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- MICHAEL BONDOLL, Beatrice.³

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort,² 1877.
 R. H. Wilbur,² 1878.
 James W. Savage,² 1879-80.
 S. J. Alexander,² 1881-82.
 John C. Bonnell,² 1883.
 Henry E. Palmer,² 1884.
 A. V. Cole,² 1885 (see California and Nevada).
 John M. Thayer,² 1886.
 H. C. Russell,² 1887.
 W. C. Henry,² 1888.
 J. B. Davis,² 1889 (died in office).
 S. H. Morrison,² 1889.
 T. S. Clarkson,² 1890.
 Joseph Teeter,² 1891.
 C. J. Dilworth,² 1892.
 A. H. Church,² 1893.
 Church Howe,² 1894.
 Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895 (see California and Nevada).
 J. H. Culver,² 1896.
 John A. Ehrhardt,² 1897.
 Thomas J. Majors,² 1898.
 John E. Evans,² 1899.
 John Reese,² 1900.
 R. S. Wilcox,² 1901.
 C. F. Steele,² 1902.
 Lee Estelle,² 1903.
 Harmon Bross,² 1904.
 John Lett,² 1905.
 John R. Maxson,² 1906.
 Thomas Creigh,² 1907.
 Eli A. Barnes,² 1908.
 L. D. Richards,² 1909.
 John F. Diener,² 1910.
 Griff J. Thomas,² 1879-81, transferred from Wisconsin.

A. M. Trimble,² 1911.
 M. V. King,² 1912.
 John A. Dempster,² 1913.
 O. H. Durand,² 1914.
 George C. Humphrey,² 1915.
 W. H. Stewart,² 1916.
 Wilson E. Majors,² 1917.
 J. S. Hoagland,² 1918.
 J. B. Strode,² 1919.
 Joseph H. Presson,² 1920.
 W. J. Blystone,² 1921.
 John S. Davisson,² 1922.
 O. C. Bell,² 1923.
 S. F. Sanders,² 1924.
 E. F. Brown,² 1925.
 J. O. Moore,² 1926.
 David Bryson,² 1927.
 H. V. Hoagland,² 1928.
 Thomas J. Smith,² 1929.
 F. A. Damewood,² 1930.
 L. F. Ruppel,² 1931 (died in office).
 John H. Berger,² 1931.
 C. P. Lomax,² 1932.
 I. D. Evans,² 1933.
 George Johnson,² 1934.
 C. H. Kinney,² 1935.
 A. F. Rexroad,² 1936.
 John Seberg,² 1937.
 R. E. Coleman,^{4 2} Lincoln, 1938.
 H. S. Woodworth,² 1939.
 John S. Davisson,² 1940 (died in office).
 Alfred Hendee,² Panama, 1941.
 T. H. Allbee,² 1942.
 R. E. Coleman,² Lincoln, 1943-46.
 Michael Bondoll,² 1947-48 (died in office).

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

OHIO (4)

(Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- JOHN H. GRATE,² Atwater, Ohio.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, ² 1866.	Charles H. Newton, ² 1909.
Thomas L. Young, ² 1867.	Henry A. Axline, ² 1910.
J. Warren Keifer, ² 1868-70.	J. F. Johnston, ² 1911.
William C. Burnts, ² 1871-72.	Charles W. Blodgett, ² 1912.
G. M. Barber, ² 1873-74.	W. R. Warnock, ² 1913.
Alvin C. Voris, ² 1875.	J. Kent Hamilton, ² 1914.
William Earnshaw, ² 1876-77.	Seeley P. Mount, ² 1915.
Nathan L. Guthrie, ² 1878 (died in office).	W. H. Surles, ² 1916.
James H. Seymour, ² 1878.	W. A. Pittenger, ² 1917.
James H. Steadman, ² 1879.	D. M. Hall, ² 1918.
David W. Thomas, ² 1880.	H. C. Martindale, ² 1919.
John S. Kountz, ² 1881.	John M. Adams, ² 1920.
Charles T. Clark, ² 1882-83.	M. J. Sloan, ² 1921.
H. P. Lloyd, ² 1884.	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² 1922.
R. B. Brown, ² 1885.	Daniel S. Wilder, ² 1923.
Arthur L. Conger, ² 1886.	Edmund Burdsall, ² 1924.
D. C. Putnam, ² 1887.	John Ambler, ² 1925.
Joseph W. O'Neill, ² 1888.	Levi H. Derby, ² 1926.
S. H. Hurst, ² 1889.	Jacob Secrest, ² 1927.
P. H. Dowling, ² 1890.	John McClay, ² 1928.
A. M. Warner, ² 1891.	Salonas A. Williams, ² 1929.
Isaac F. Mack, ² 1892.	W. A. Talbott, ² 1930.
L. H. Williams, ² 1893.	Ayres B. Adams, ² 1931.
E. E. Nutt, ² 1894.	S. F. Bell, ² 1932.
Charles Townsend, ² 1895.	O. A. Marvin, ² 1933.
E. L. Lybarger, ² 1896.	Charles J. McDargh, ² 1934.
Henry Kissinger, ² 1897.	Henry F. Russell, ² 1935.
David F. Pugh, ² 1898.	Francis S. Layton, ² 1936.
Thomas R. Shinn, ² 1899.	Theodore Wells, ² 1937.
Elias R. Monfort, ² 1900.	Frederick Pfister, Cincinnati, 1938.
Emmet F. Taggart, ² 1901.	Frank S. Morris, ² 1939.
Walton Weber, ² 1902.	Thomas Ridenour, ² Crestline, 1940.
Arthur C. Yengling, ² 1903.	David M. Robbins, ² 1941.
B. M. Moulton, ² 1904.	Byron W. Joslin, ² 1942.
Amos Huffman, ² 1905.	John R. Bennett, ² Waynesfield, 1943.
George A. Harmon, ² 1906.	Lewis Heiston, ² Pleasantville, 1944.
W. S. Rogers, ² 1907.	John Grate, ^{2,7} Atwater, 1945-48 (died
John H. Sharer, ² 1908 (died in office).	in office).
George Hall, ² 1908.	

² Deceased.⁷ Past commander in chief.

OKLAHOMA (44)

(Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 0. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908)

Department commander----- GEORGE GRIZZLE.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, ² 1890.	George W. Fletcher, ² 1914.
G. M. Coulton, ² 1891.	A. A. Beasler, ² 1915.
D. F. Wyatt, ² 1892.	Albert Reeves, ² 1916.
T. H. Soward, ² 1893.	J. C. White, ² 1917.
J. P. Cummings, ² 1894 (see California and Nevada).	F. E. Hills, ² 1918.
H. G. Trosper, ² 1895.	F. M. Cline, ² 1919.
W. H. Cater, ² 1896.	W. S. Tilton, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
C. R. Young, ² 1897.	Jacob Amberg, ² 1921.
G. D. Munger, ² 1898.	W. F. Clark, ² 1922.
J. J. S. Hassler, ² 1899.	J. J. Lyons, ² 1923.
I. W. Rush, ² 1899.	J. W. Garner, ² 1924.
M. L. Mock, ² 1900.	J. H. Norton, ² 1925 (died in office).
James E. Burns, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Luman, ² 1925.
Wesley Taylor, ² 1902.	R. D. McGinley, ² 1926.
Cyrus P. Green, ² 1903.	W. T. Deupree, ² 1927.
S. P. Strahan, ² 1904.	R. L. Johnson, ² 1928.
G. M. Parks, ² 1905.	A. W. Lee, ² 1929.
Peter A. Becker, ² 1906.	J. W. Bridges, ² 1930.
W. H. Hornaday, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	A. C. Sims, ² 1931.
H. Veatch, ² 1908.	L. C. Coffin, ² 1932.
William Higgins, ² 1909.	A. C. Sims, ² 1933.
B. N. Turk, ² 1910.	J. W. Garner, ² 1934.
Wilberforce Jones, ² 1911.	N. D. McGinley, ² 1935-37 (died in office).
W. R. Kelley, ² 1912.	Aaron Fagin, ² 1937 (died in office).
L. C. Coffin, ² Elgin, 1913.	S. Patterson, ² Tonkawa, 1938-46.
George W. Billings, ² 1914 (died in office).	George Grizzle, ^{2,4} 1947-48 (died in office).

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908

E. Calkins, ² 1891.	Gideon S. White, ² 1899.
B. F. Harris, ² 1892.	John S. Hammer, ² 1900-02.
J. H. Spann, ² 1893.	J. A. Rose, ² 1903.
Savelon Boyles, ² 1894.	Robert Ross, ² 1904.
J. L. Thomas, ² 1895.	Samuel H. Smith, ² 1905.
William H. Harrison, ² 1896.	J. F. Ayers, ² 1906.
R. M. J. Shriver, ² 1897.	A. G. Krutchmer, ² 1907.
David Redfield, ² 1898.	
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898, transferred from Kansas.	
John C. Gipson, ² 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see California and Nevada).	

² Deceased

⁴ National council of administration.

OREGON (26)

(Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- T. A. PENLAND,^{1 5} Portland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce,² 1882.
 G. E. Caulkin,² 1883.
 F. J. Babcock,² 1884.
 F. H. Lamb,² 1885-86.
 M. L. Olmstead,² 1887.
 A. E. Borthwick,² 1888.
 E. B. McElroy,² 1889.
 James A. Varney,² 1890.
 Owen Summers,² 1891.
 H. H. Northrup,² 1892.
 J. C. Cooper,² 1893.
 S. B. Ormsby,² 1894.
 E. W. Allen,² 1895.
 D. C. Sherman,² 1896.
 Frank Reisner,² 1897.
 C. P. Holloway,² 1898.
 H. V. Gates,² 1899.
 A. J. Goodbrod,² 1900.
 J. A. Sladen,² 1901.
 M. L. Pratt,² 1902.
 David H. Turner,² 1903.
 B. F. Pike,² 1904.
 T. E. Hills,² 1905.
 Hamer Sutcliffe,² 1906.
 S. F. Blythe,² 1907.
 J. T. Apperson,² 1908.
 James P. Shaw,² 1909.
 W. J. R. Beach,² 1910.
 Newton Clark,² 1911.
 Thomas B. McDevitt,² 1912.

S. W. Taylor,² 1913.
 H. S. Fargo,² 1914.
 George A. Harding,² 1915.
 Joseph E. Hall,² 1916.
 J. G. Chambers,² 1917.
 Tillman H. Stevens,² 1918.
 Daniel Webster,² 1919.
 J. T. Butler,² 1920.
 C. A. Williams,² 1921.
 D. L. McKay,² 1922.
 George R. Castner,² 1923.
 Henry E. Dosch,² 1924 (died in office).
 J. L. Crow,² 1924.
 J. F. Nelson,² 1925.
 William Clemens,² 1926.
 H. S. Lillagar,² 1927.
 William Clemens,² 1928.
 L. C. Washburn,² 1929 (died in office).
 Charles True,² 1929 (died in office).
 Gideon Stolz,² 1929.
 Wm. M. Colvig,² 1930.
 Charles M. Eichler,² 1931.
 J. W. Jones,² 1932.
 H. V. Gates,² 1933-34 (died in office).
 J. W. Ridge,² 1935.
 John C. Thomson,² 1936 (died in office).
 Z. T. Bryant,² 1937 (died in office).
 Henry Hopkins,² 1937.
 T. A. Penland,⁵ Portland, 1937-48.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Commander in chief.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

(Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- HIRAM R. GALE,⁴ Seattle.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

<p>F. W. Sparling,² provisional, 1878-82. George D. Hill,² 1883. H. A. Morrow,² 1884. A. M. Brooks,² 1885. C. M. Holton,² 1886. A. P. Curry,² 1887. J. W. Sprague,² 1888. C. S. Cosgrove,² 1889. M. M. Holmes,² 1890. D. G. Lovell,² 1891. J. Sox Brown,² 1892. J. F. Sinclair,² 1893. J. N. Scott,² 1894. Norman Buck,² 1895. C. T. Patterson,² 1896. J. F. McLean,² 1897. George W. Tibbetts,² 1898. J. W. Langley,² 1899. B. R. Freeman,² 1900. H. A. Bigelow,² 1901. B. C. Bedell,² 1902. T. H. Cavanaugh,² 1903. F. M. Davis,² 1904 (see California and Nevada). J. T. Goss,² 1905. C. B. Dunning,² 1906. W. H. Mock,² 1907. George H. Boardman,² 1908. Lyman Banks,² 1909. W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910 (see California and Nevada). F. H. Hurd,² 1911.</p>	<p>R. R. Harding,² 1912. J. E. Stewart,² 1913. H. R. Gale,⁴ Seattle, 1914. H. W. North,² 1915. J. E. Gandy,² 1916. John J. See,² 1917 (see California and Nevada). S. F. Street,² 1918. A. A. Stevens,² 1919. O. D. McDonald,² 1920 (see California and Nevada). J. H. Coffman,² 1921. Enoch Sears,² 1922. W. P. Cragin,² 1923 (died in office). John A. Harris,² 1923. A. P. Lawrence,² 1924. William J. Baker,² 1925. J. H. Shaw,² 1926. Byron Phelps,² 1927. Henry P. Burdick,² 1928. Willis Richardson,² 1929. W. W. Work,² 1930. R. W. Black,² 1931. T. F. Coley,² 1932. Rustan O. Reed,² 1933-34. D. L. Crossen,² 1935. George L. Foster,² 1936. L. A. Wilcox,⁵ Cadott, Wis., 1937. Rustan O. Reed,² 1938-41 (died in office). S. B. Tift,² Everett, 1942. Hiram R. Gale,⁴ Seattle, 1943-48</p>
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John E. Phelps,² 1889, transferred from Missouri.
E. A. Shores,² 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.

² Deceased.⁴ Past commander in chief.⁵ Transferred to Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN (2)

(Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1948, 1. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- L. A. Wilcox, Cadott.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, ² 1866.	John C. Martin, ² 1907.
H. A. Starr, ² 1867.	E. D. Coe, ² 1908 (died in office).
J. M. Rusk, ² 1868.	R. B. Lang, ² 1909.
T. S. Allen, ² 1869-70.	William H. Grinnell, ² 1909.
Edward Ferguson, ² 1871-72.	Frank A. Walsh, ² 1910.
A. J. McCoy, ² 1873.	Hiram J. Smith, ² 1911.
G. A. Hanaford, ² 1874-75.	George W. Spratt, ² 1912.
John Hancock, ² 1876.	Charles H. Henry, ² 1913.
H. G. Rogers, ² 1877.	Samuel A. Cook, ² 1914.
F. S. Hammond, ² 1878.	W. J. McKay, ² 1915.
Griff J. Thomas, ² 1879-81 (see Nebraska).	O. L. Rosenkrans, ² 1916.
H. M. Enos, ² 1882.	W. A. Wyse, ² 1917.
Philip Cheek, ² 1883-84.	George D. Breed, ² 1918.
James Davidson, ² 1885.	Robert R. Campbell, ² 1919.
Lucius Fairchild, ² 1886.	Walter O. Pietsch, ² 1920.
H. P. Fisher, ² 1886.	M. L. Snyder, ² 1921.
Michael Griffin, ² 1887.	James F. Carle, ² 1922.
A. G. Weissert, ² 1888.	Alfred S. Eaton, ² 1923.
L. Ferguson, ² 1889.	George W. Morton, ² 1924.
Benjamin F. Bryant, ² 1890.	Henry Hase, ² 1925.
W. H. Upham, ² 1891.	Henry Stannard, ² 1926.
C. B. Welton, ² 1892.	Henry C. Eaton, ² 1927.
E. A. Shores, ² 1893 (see Washington and Alaska).	G. H. Pounder, ² 1928.
J. A. Watrous, ² 1894.	Lloyd D. Sampson, ² 1929.
W. D. Hoard, ² 1895.	John H. Hellweg, ² 1930.
D. Lloyd Jones, ² 1896.	W. H. Chesbrough, ² 1931.
E. B. Gray, ² 1897.	George L. Thomas, ² 1932.
C. H. Russell, ² 1898.	Henry Held, ² 1933.
Henry Harnden, ² 1899.	Thaddeus Sheerin, ² 1934.
S. H. Talmadge, ² 1899.	Charles M. Hambright, ² 1935.
David J. James, ² 1900.	Chas. F. Moulton, ² 1936.
A. H. DeGroff, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	W. P. Bryant, ² 1937.
J. H. Agen, ² 1902.	John Hart, ² 1938.
J. P. Rungle, ² 1903.	A. R. Kibbe, ² 1939.
Pliny Norcross, ² 1904.	B. Regli, ² 1940.
F. A. Copeland, ² 1905.	James F. Jones, ² 1941.
John W. Ganes, ² 1906.	John W. Miller, ² 1942.
	C. L. Hooker, ² Virginia, Minn., 1943.
	L. A. Wilcox, ^{2 4 6} Cadott, 1944-48.

Lansing A. Wilcox,⁶ Cadott, transferred from Washington and Alaska.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Past senior vice commander in chief.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Theodore A. Penland, commander-in-chief, Vancouver, Wash.
Charles L. Chappel, Sr., vice commander-in-chief, Long Beach, Calif.
John S. Dumser, adjutant and quartermaster general, Oakland, Calif.
L. A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.
Robert Barrett, Princeton, Ky.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF
ROBERT M. ROWND AND JOHN H. GRATE

John S. Dumser, past commander-in-chief.
James A. Hard, member-at-large.
Albert Woolson, national chief of staff.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

John S. Dumser, adjutant and quartermaster general.
Assisted by the national secretary.

*Departments in order of seniority, according to dates of permanent organization
as heretofore announced*

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania ³	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio ²	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York ³	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts ²	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey ²	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine ²	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island ²	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire ²	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont ²	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, ¹ provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina ²	July 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina	May 20, 1892
16	Maryland, ² organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska ²	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, ² organized May 6, 1868; reorganized	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming	Dec. 11, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming	Aug. 28, 1889
22	Kansas, ² organized Dec. 7, 1867; reorganized	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware ²	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota ³ organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, ² organized May 16, 1867; reorganized	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, ² organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota ²	Feb. 27, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota	Apr. 11, 1890
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas ²	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico ²	July 14, 1883
33	Utah ²	Oct. 9, 1883
34	Tennessee ²	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi ²	May 15, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi	June 13, 1888
36	Florida ²	June 19, 1884
37	Montana ²	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas ²	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho ³	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona ²	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina ¹	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama ²	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota ²	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma ²	Aug. 7, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma	July 3, 1891
45	Indian Territory	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma, May 19-22, 1908.	

¹ Charter surrendered.

² Closed by death of all members.

³ Closed—members transferred to members at large.



PHOTOGRAPH OF EIGHTY-THIRD ENCAMPMENT

Left to right: THEODORE A. PENLAND, Commander in Chief; CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, Senior Vice Commander in Chief; ROBERT BARRETT, Sr.; JAMES A. HARD, in wheel chair.

ALBERT WOOLSON, Chief of Staff; JOSEPH CLOVESE,

ATTENDANCE AT ENCAMPMENT

California : Charles L. Chappel.
Kentucky : Robert Barrett, Sr.
Michigan : Joseph Clovese.
Minnesota : Albert Woolson.
New York : James A. Hard.
Oregon : Theodore A. Penland.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ENCAMPMENT**

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD AND FINAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1949

The Eighty-third and Final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in room 487, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., at 2:02 p. m., on Tuesday, August 30, 1949, Commander in Chief Theodore A. Penland presiding.

Present: Commander in Chief Theodore A. Penland, Vancouver, Wash. (100); Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Calif. (102); National Chief of Staff Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn. (102); Comrade Robert Barrett, Sr., Princeton, Ky. (102); Comrade James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y. (108); Comrade Joseph Clovese, Pontiac, Mich. (105).

Commander in Chief PENLAND. I open up the first session of the Eighty-third Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Miss CORA E. GILLIS (secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic). We are now going to have an invocation by Mrs. Lillian Gardiner, department secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic in California and Nevada.

Mrs. GARDINER. Our dear Heavenly Father, as we come today in this little room, we ask Thee to draw very close to us. We feel that we need Thy loving hand upon us, and we ask Thy special blessing, dear One, upon our fathers and the comrades of our fathers. They are trying today to work out their problems. We need Thee so badly, as we always do, and we ask Thee to give them strength and understanding of everything that they do—not only these men but the women and the men who help in our organizations, dear One. They need Thee and Thy advice so much, and we ask Thee to go with us day by day. Help us to do the things that they started out to do so many years ago. We feel that they are Thy favored children, to be left with us so many years. We thank Thee for having given to us this organization, and we ask again Thy special blessing upon each and everyone of them.

Miss GILLIS. Commander, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, this is your greetings committee from the National Woman's Relief Corps, your Auxiliary. The national president, Mrs. Eleanor Stables.

Mrs. STABLES. To our commander in chief, Theodore Penland, and to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we, your Auxiliary, the National Woman's Relief Corps, again pledge to you our loyal support. We will always continue to be your Auxiliary and keep our pledges of loyalty. We intend to carry on always in your memory.

I have brought with me the report of our year's work which I will give to the secretary. We do wish for you a very happy encampment and hope that you will all have a pleasant time. We wish you health, wealth, and happiness.

Following is the report of the National Woman's Relief Corps referred to:

To the NATIONAL COMMANDER IN CHIEF, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Relief of members and others not related to soldiers-----	\$7, 384. 28
Flowers for deceased comrades and members-----	\$15, 219
Local Grand Army posts, not including rent-----	\$408. 78
Civil War veterans, their families, and Army nurses-----	\$1, 351. 94
Spanish War veterans and nurses-----	\$388
World War veterans and nurses-----	\$7, 142. 68
Soldiers' homes-----	\$4, 101. 93
Soldiers' widows' homes-----	\$1, 769. 45
Soldiers' orphans' homes-----	\$628. 06
Civil War nurses' fund-----	\$19
Southern memorial fund-----	\$475. 85
Americanization-----	\$5, 289. 07
Child welfare-----	\$6, 145. 62
Scholarship fund-----	\$1, 415. 78
Schools in the South-----	\$495. 46
Estimated value of relief other than money-----	\$291, 888. 79
Total value of relief-----	\$11, 862. 91
Persons assisted-----	38, 908

Miss GILLIS. The report of the National Woman's Relief Corps will be recorded in the minutes. Does anyone else want to say anything to the comrades?

The other members of the committee, all past national presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, extended greetings, as follows:

Mrs. CATHERINE MCBRIDE HOSTER. I just want to extend my greetings to the comrades of my father.

Mrs. STABLES. I just want to say I am happy to have this escort of past national presidents.

Mrs. GRACE HOULETTE HAHN. Greetings all. This is from Grace Houlette Hahn, who conducted your seventy-fifth diamond jubilee.

Mrs. LOUISE HAIDER. Commander in Chief, I promised Comrade Dumser that I would bring you his greetings. I passed a very happy afternoon with him, and he said he would be with you in spirit every minute of the encampment. He felt very bad not to be able to come. I was very happy to have had the privilege of spending the last 2 hours I was in California with him.

Miss GILLIS. May I say to the members of the Woman's Relief Corps that last Sunday I mailed every member of the Grand Army of the Republic who could not be present the convention badge, the reports, the programs, the program on the stamps. I have mailed everyone a picture of the monument with the Grand Army stamp—the commemorative stamp—on it, so that this week they will all know just what we are doing here. Does anyone else want to speak?

Mrs. MARY J. LOVE. Commander in Chief, I just want to say that I am very happy as a past national president to extend my greetings. I am glad to say that one of the comrades from my department is able to be with you at this meeting.

Mrs. LAURA I. SMITH. Dear comrades, may I just say, from the smallest State in the Union, Rhode Island, which had so many thousands in the Grand Army of the Republic, as a representative of our

organization and one who is going to help to carry on, Laura I. Smith, of Rhode Island, extends loving greetings to the comrades of her grandfather.

Mrs. ANNA ANSCHUTZ. Commander in Chief and comrades, I want to extend greetings to you from Missouri, the home of your associate who passed away this year, Comrade William Osborn. In behalf of my own family and in memory of my father, I extend greetings to you.

Mrs. ALICE F. LARSON. Commander Penland, I am so happy to be able to say, "How do you do?" I remember you so well when I traveled around the country as national president. I am happy to see you again.

Mrs. MAY LUCHSINGER. I bring you my greetings and also greetings from the one comrade who is left now in Wisconsin, Comrade Wilcox.

Mrs. HOSTER. When I spoke before, no one heard me but the stenographer. That is all that matters, really. The comrades of the Grand Army, these men with whom my father marched so many years ago, know that I love every one of them. We are so happy that you could come again to Indianapolis, where we are always waiting for you.

Miss GILLIS. I am sure the commander has appreciated all of these greetings. This is one of the happiest days that he has had, when the Auxiliary comes and brings greetings to him. [The committee retires.]

Now we will have greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman, of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Julia A. Phillips, of Illinois. Sister Goodman, I know you want to say something to these comrades.

Mrs. GOODMAN. Commander Penland, I am very happy to have the privilege to answer your greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans when you visited our convention. Every Daughter of a Veteran in the convention was made happy by your visit to them. Dear comrades, we are the daughters of our fathers, and we love you so. We want you to have just the best time you ever had. God bless you, dear comrades, and keep you, and keep you well while you are here and a safe journey home. We just wish for you all the best things in life.

Mrs. PHILLIPS. I am a good old Buckeye from Ohio where the Daughters started. The Daughters in Illinois have only been working for these comrades for 58 years. We are just happy that you are alive and in good health, and hope we can continue to work for you for some time.

Miss GILLIS. There is one more past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans to speak. Just as soon as Sister Roberts comes back have her come in and speak to us. Thanks very much, sisters. Take back the greetings of your fathers to our organization.

We will admit the Sons of Union Veterans for their greetings. They are J. Kirkwood Craig, past commander in chief and past national chaplain; Brother Frank C. Huston, also past commander in chief; H. Harding Hale, past commander in chief; Neil Cranmer, past commander in chief.

Mr. CRAIG. Comrade Penland, the Sons of Union Veterans received you a while ago with very, very great joy. We are happy to meet you

here again; that is, we are very happy to be here with you. As we have said again and again and again, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, along with the women's organizations that have rendered such valiant service, are very willing and even anxious to carry on and do the very best we can. We have tried again and again. God help us to keep green in our memories the memory of the service of the Grand Army of the Republic. So we hope that the Lord will answer our prayers for ourselves and for you. As Tiny Tim would say, "God bless us every one," Comrade Penland.

MR. HUSTON. Commander in Chief, we are very happy to be here with you. We love you. I guess you know that. But we have come to tell you so. God bless you.

MR. HALE. Commander in Chief, I come to hail you, for that is my name. I also want to tell you that we are bearing in mind a time-honored statement by one of your nationally known comrades, a former justice of the Supreme Court, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who, in a communication to young men in college, wound up with this significant statement, "Keep your colors flying." That is what we promise to do.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Thank you again.

MR. CRANMER. Commander in Chief, we are very proud to be here. We have in the State of New York one comrade, James A. Hard, of Rochester. We are so thankful that he is able to be here today with you and your comrades. We pray that Heaven's richest blessing may be upon you, upon him, and the comrades remaining.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Thank you.

MISS GILLIS. Thank you, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am sure the comrades appreciate your greetings. (The committee retires.)

Now I believe that I see another one of our past national presidents of the Daughters waiting outside and we will admit her. Come right up here. This is Mrs. Matilda Roberts.

MRS. ROBERTS. Commander and comrades, my father's comrades, our fathers' comrades, our hearts are so full today to come to you to bring our love and our veneration for you, grand old men. We want you to know that as long as we live, as long as our children are living, and their children, they will always be taught the achievements and the great service that the Grand Army of the Republic did for their country and flag as Boys in Blue in the turbulent days of 1861-65. We, your Daughters, will always hold the banner that you carried high and we will continue to support those fine institutions of our grand country that you have helped to preserve through all these years. May God bless you and bring you all safely home. While this may be your last encampment we hope and we feel that we may shake hands again another year.

MRS. AGNES BOYCE. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and my father's buddies, although he did not know you he is thinking with us today I am sure. We, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as you well know, are going to carry on to the very last. We are imbuing the children of the land in the lessons of citizenship and the lessons which you taught us. We hope to carry on in just the way you would feel proud of us. I know that you are and that you will be. So much has been said that I can only voice what has been said previously. God bless you. We are happy that

you came to the Daughters this morning. We are happy to see this many comrades here today. We hope in future years to be able to see you some place, somehow, somewhere. And God be with you till we all meet again.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Thank you. Thank you.

Miss GILLIS. Thank you, sisters of my own organization. Before any of you leave I would like to have you listen to some greetings which we have received [reading letter from President Truman which appears in the proceedings of the semiofficial meeting at p. 108 of this journal].

I will see that these greetings are properly acknowledged to President Truman.

Here are some more of our Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander in Chief PERLE L. FOUCH. We of the Sons, Past Commanders in Chief, are here to greet you, and I want to say to you that your battles are over and we hope to make your life as pleasant as we can. Our hope is this, that the clouds in yonder sky may reflect the beauty in words and flowers of this encampment to your comrades on the other shore, that they may know our love and affection and our sincere desire to commemorate their memory and to keep alive your heroic deeds in the days of the sixties. I thank you.

Past Commander in Chief RALPH R. BARRETT. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, this is an opportunity of a lifetime. I appreciate this minute or two to come here before you, the men who were in that great Army in Civil War times. My father and many of his folks of the Barrett family were in that, and so any service that I could render through the years I have been happy indeed to do it. Commander Penland and comrades, it is a great day for all of us. We thank you.

Miss GILLIS. Some of you may not know how hard Brother Barrett has worked on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. He has worked for years to get that dream realized, that we might have a highway from coast to coast honoring the Grand Army of the Republic. It is all completed except in the State of Nevada, and we are going to conquer Nevada this year.

Comrade HARD. I am in the habit in the afternoon of taking a slight rest. I am feeling quite tired. I think it is about time for me to retire. I want to give my greeting to every comrade here of the Grand Army of the Republic. I love the Grand Army. I have been a member of it for 82 years from the State of New York. I want to be here with you at the meeting tomorrow, if possible, if I am able to get here.

Miss GILLIS. I am going to ask that the brothers please not shake hands with our comrades. I know you all want to, but yesterday they were just exhausted when they came back from the hospital because everybody had insisted on shaking hands with them. If you will just give them a salute, then we will excuse you, with our thanks and best wishes for a happy and successful encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(The committee, which also included William M. Coffin, Richard Locke, and A. L. Holbrook, then retired.)

Miss GILLIS. We are sorry Comrade Hard is going to have to leave. I have the extreme pleasure to announce that we have very distin-

guished greetings from the United Spanish War Veterans. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you now the commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, Charles R. Barefoot, from Toledo, Ohio. He has come to bring greetings to our comrades.

Commander in Chief BAREFOOT. Commander in Chief Penland and my comrades of a day long past, it gives us a wonderful lot of pleasure to come here and extend the greetings of the United Spanish War Veterans. We feel very close to you because you set an example for us to follow. For 51 years now we have been associated very closely together, and we want you to know that we appreciate more than words can express the wonderful friendship and comradeship that has existed between our two organizations for more than half a century.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Thank you.

Miss GILLIS. Commander Barefoot, I am sure the members of the Grand Army of the Republic appreciate your coming all the way from Toledo, Ohio, to bring your greetings personally to this encampment. Take back to your organization and your national encampment when you convene the best wishes for the success of the United Spanish War Veterans. We hope that some day you may celebrate your eighty-third national encampment in as fine condition as these members of the Grand Army are today.

This is a greetings committee from the American Legion here in Indianapolis bringing greetings from their organization. These are the colored boys of the American Legion and their auxiliary.

MATT WILLIAMS (Edward Gaillard Post, No. 107, the American Legion). To the Commander in Chief of this great organization, it is with great pleasure that I present to you and your comrades this token of our appreciation. May you all have many happy years more, and that they may be filled with joy and contentment. In behalf of Edward Gaillard Post, No. 107, the American Legion, Department of Indiana, I present to you boys this bouquet of flowers (red roses).

Miss GILLIS. May I, on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, thank the members of this organization for these beautiful flowers and for the wonderful things you have done for our Comrade Clovese while he has been in this city.

Mrs. SALLY PARKER. The American Legion Auxiliary joins in extending greetings and wishing you a very pleasant time while you are here.

Miss GILLIS. I see in the doorway a few of the past national presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps who must have been lost when the rest of the committee came in. Will you ladies please come up here? Here are three more of the past national presidents.

Mrs. EMMA W. CAMPBELL. Commander, I have brought these two ladies with me. For some reason or other they overlooked us when they were coming down here. So I said, "Well, I am still able to walk and I am coming down here and visit you at this encampment." My goodness, I think my father would turn over in his grave if he thought I did not attend the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am Mrs. Campbell, and this is Mrs. Elizabeth Kothe, of Iowa, and Mrs. Ellenore M. Zeller, of Portland. You don't know her, do you?

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Indeed I do.

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Thank you very much for allowing us to come in here.

Miss GILLIS. We have another lady who has been waiting all afternoon. I don't want to keep her waiting any longer. She is a mother of World War II—that is, she is a member of the Mothers of World War II—come to bring you greetings.

Mrs. ELSIE G. JONES (Indianapolis). Commander, as national president of Mothers of World War II it is a great privilege to me to be able to come here today and bring you greetings as a granddaughter of a veteran of the Civil War, as a sister of a veteran of World War II, as a mother of four boys who fought in this war, one of whom was killed at Pearl Harbor. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to go on serving our country. We who are chosen and called to serve in the ranks of these great organizations have a solemn obligation. We must never forget it. And part of our obligation is to carry on the work which you so nobly began. I thank you. I have a little gift for each of you [distributing packages].

Miss GILLIS. This is Mrs. J. J. Browne of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, who wishes to bring her greetings.

Mrs. BROWNE. Greetings to all the Grand Army men, living and dead, I want to tell you how happy I am to be here today. I am the State president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion. My father was a commissioned officer who served 4 years, 6 months, and 17 days in the Civil War and came back. The last thing he did was to bring the battle flags back. So I am a Real Daughter and I am very much interested, very much interested in everything patriotic, and so glad to see you here and looking so well. Good luck to you. I hope you get home safely.

Miss GILLIS. Mrs. Browne, I am glad to see you. You are not a Real Daughter until you join the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. BROWNE. I used to belong.

Miss GILLIS. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the organization recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now I have the extreme pleasure of introducing to you Brother J. Clark Mansfield, from Pittsburgh, Pa. Brother Mansfield has been chairman of the Committee on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway for some time. He has done a wonderful job, and I know before this year ends he is going to get Nevada and then we will have the whole highway from coast to coast.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Yes, my comrades. I feel I should have the privilege of so calling you by reason of my service and in my own right as a veteran of two wars. The American Legion is now in session in Philadelphia—3,000,000 members, the strongest and most powerful veteran organization that the world has ever known. But the eyes of America are not focused on the American Legion in Philadelphia. The eyes of America are focused on this Grand Army of the Republic and these six wonderful men here that represent your organization.

Now the success of my efforts as national chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway has been largely due to the cooperation received from your national secretary. When we got into a tight pinch she would write to the governor of a State and then the governor, in response to her usual seductive letters, would go out and put across

the project. So you want to give due credit to Cora E. Gillis for her splendid efforts in your behalf.

At the present time the Grand Army of the Republic Highway has been approved by all the States through which it passes with the single exception of Nevada. The highway begins at the Atlantic coast at Cape Cod and extends to Long Beach, Calif., about 100 miles from the Mexican border. It is the longest transcontinental highway in the United States, and no veterans' organization has ever been honored so signally as the Grand Army of the Republic in having that great highway named for them.

Monuments erected to the Grand Army of the Republic will decay and fall away. The Grand Army of the Republic Highway is an accomplishment for the ages and will keep the name of the Grand Army of the Republic before the people of America and not let them forget the great deeds of the men who won that war and saved the Union.

Now don't forget, there is only Nevada—and by the way, I have a resolution that I want you to pass.

Miss GILLIS. Give it to me and I will bring it up tomorrow.

Mr. MANSFIELD. I have a resolution asking the Governor of Nevada and the honorable gentlemen of the legislature to pass a law designating U. S. Route 6 in Nevada the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. I will place this resolution in the custody of your competent and efficient national secretary.

Miss GILLIS. Thank you, Brother Mansfield. I am afraid these men will think all you came here for was to compliment me. Any slight thing I have done toward the completion of the renaming of the road has been a pleasure. It gives me the greatest thrill in the world when I drive over Highway No. 6 to see these markers of the Grand Army of the Republic. We thank you for coming. Keep up the good work and between us we will conquer Nevada.

Mrs. GARDINER. There is a delegation here from the California Department Sons of Veterans, and about a dozen others who got lost in the shuffle down here.

Miss GILLIS. We will be glad to receive them.

(A delegation composed of A. R. McKinney, V. E. Cheney, A. E. Deems, George A. Ruple, Alex Stewart, W. W. Webster, Robert R. Rankin, and George A. Young, of California, Daniel Wasser of Ohio, George Nunnold of New York, and Elmer Wohlgemuth of California, was admitted.)

Mr. McKINNEY. If I mistake not I shook hands with this gentleman [Comrade Penland] about 3 months ago in California. I express my appreciation for what he has done for me. I gave him my best regards. I can't say anything about that except that they are greatly increased since I saw you last. May you live long and happily.

Mr. CHENEY. I am glad to say that we Sons of Veterans of California—I believe we do have two members from the Department of Ohio with us, came this afternoon to stop just a moment and bring greetings to you comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and to express to you our great appreciation for the great things that you have done for us in the years gone by, and to assure you that we are only too glad to do anything that we can hence and forevermore on your behalf. We thank you.

(The committee retired.)

Miss GILLIS. I want to say to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic that this afternoon you are going to have something happen that has never happened before. We have with us a friend from the movie world, Mr. Gene Raymond. I wonder if he would like to say something to you.

Mr. RAYMOND. Commander Penland and all the comrades, I just want to say God bless you all.

Miss GILLIS. Thank you, Mr. Raymond. That was very sweet of you. It is not often that we come in close contact with one of the movie stars.

This is a greetings committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with their national president, Mrs. Lena Barrett, of California, leading them.

Mrs. BARRETT. I am very happy to have the privilege of coming to you today. I also had the happy privilege of eating dinner with Commander in Chief Penland at our National Auxiliary banquet here at noon today. I just wish for you a happy time. I don't want you to get too tired. I want you to go home in good health, and I wish for you every happiness there is for you.

Miss GILLIS. Thank you, Mrs. Barrett. That was very sweet.

Mrs. Emma S. Finch, past national president, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who lives here in Indianapolis and who has been their general chairman for their convention. I know she has done a wonderful job.

Mrs. FINCH. My beloved Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is a distinct privilege to come to you representing the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You were a comrade of my father. No braver men, no better heroes ever went out to fight for their country than you survivors of that great conflict. So we say, all hail to you. God bless you. May you be with us many, many years. On behalf of the Auxiliary may I present to you this little painting. It comes with all the love and affection that the Auxiliary has for you. More power to you. And may I say, O spirit of the sixties, abide with us. Abide with us.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Thank you, lady.

Miss GILLIS. Thank you. I am sure Comrade Penland appreciates that and I am sure he will enjoy looking at your gift.

Miss CELESTE GENTIEU (past national president). Commander in Chief and members of the Grand Army, I wish to extend to you greetings from Wilmington, Del. My father served in the Thirteenth Connecticut Volunteers. I had two uncles in a Connecticut regiment, so I want to extend to you each and every one, greetings.

Mrs. KATIE E. INMAN (past department president, Oregon). Greetings, and I do hope that your commander in chief gets safely back to us in Oregon.

Mrs. ZELLAH E. LINDGREN (department president, Oregon and Washington). This is my commander. I wish him all kinds of good health. I am going to help keep him that way if I possibly can.

(The committee retired.)

(Picture taken of the commander in chief and Lt. Gov. Harold J. Arthur, of Vermont).

Miss GILLIS. This is a past national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic from the State of New York, Mrs. Sarah

J. Ehrmann, who is bringing greetings from the regiment to which her father belonged.

Mrs. EHRMANN. Commander in Chief, I am delighted today beyond words that I could express to you the loving greetings of my father's regiment, the One Hundredth New York Volunteers, of which I have been their president for 25 years, and when we had a meeting last week they asked me to bring their loving greetings and best wishes to you for many more happy years, and to bring you this gift which we hope you will enjoy. Commander, it is with sad hearts that this is our last national convention, but God bless you and take care of you, and you too, Cora.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Thank you, lady.

Miss GILLIS. Thank you very much, Sarah. We appreciate your coming.

I think that we have received all of the greetings committees this afternoon. You comrades can go to your rooms and have some rest and be ready for the banquet at 5:30.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1949

Morning Session, 9:53 a. m.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Now we will open our business session right away. Do you all hear? We will open up the business session right away.

Miss GILLIS. Comrades, we will open with a prayer by Miss Irma Nixon, daughter of your past commander in chief, W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Miss NIXON. Dear Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence with gratitude in our hearts to express our thanks for the blessings that Thou hast bestowed upon our beloved country. We pray that Thou wilt be with us in the meeting and during this encampment. Keep us faithful to Thee. Bless the comrades that are living and those that have passed. Keep us faithful, dear Heavenly Father. Be with us while we are here and as we go home. Amen.

Miss GILLIS. I have just a few short communications that I want to read to you this morning. It will only take just a minute [reading]:

SEATTLE, WASH.

Greetings and best wishes to you, Commander Penland, Comrades Barrett, Woolson, Clovese, Chappel, to members of Relief Corps, Ladies GAR, Daughters, Sons, and Auxiliary.

HIRAM R. GALE,
Past National Commander.

There is another telegram from Oakland, Calif.:

Greetings to my comrades in blue. Regret I cannot attend this memorable encampment, but my heart and love are with you on this auspicious occasion.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Past Commander in Chief.

This is something that came to Commander Penland from the commander of the Sons of Veterans in Oregon. I want to get it on the record as being read this morning:

Sixty-eight years ago, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was instituted at the request and under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic. All through these many years, this order has received from the comrades of the Grand Army the incentive to work, as they have always done, for the best in

patriotic and loyal government and society and respect for the flag so dearly beloved by the Boys in Blue.

We are saddened to learn that because of the ravages of time, these beloved comrades feel they can no longer continue their annual encampments, but must spend their remaining years in well-deserved rest.

We Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War realize that we have not always done all that we might have done to lighten their burdens and responsibilities and to show them the affection and honor we have felt for them. But we do believe that they have felt a true paternal regard for us.

The Department of Oregon has had its share of grand veterans, and is now honored by having its last member of the Grand Army serving as the commander in chief. We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, go on record in expression of honor, love, and esteem to that Grand Army of the Republic and to the comrades who comprise it. We wish for them, each, years of comfort and ease, which they well deserve. We sincerely wish for them a pleasant encampment.

This memorial shall be spread on our records and a copy shall be sent to the national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be read in their encampment.

[SEAL]

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON, SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR,
JOHN H. STARR, *Department Commander*.
E. W. MADISON, *Department Secretary*.

Here is one from the Army and Navy Union, U. S. A.:

SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
ARMY AND NAVY UNION, U. S. A.,
Chicago, Ill., August 14, 1949.

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic is holding its final encampment in Indianapolis on August 28, 1949; and

Whereas the Army and Navy Union, U. S. A., will then be the oldest active veterans' organization in the United States; and

Whereas the members of the Grand Army of the Republic are the oldest living veterans in the United States: Be it therefore

Resolved, That all members of the Grand Army of the Republic be given honorary life memberships in the Army and Navy Union, U. S. A.

Unanimously passed by the convention in its sixty-first annual encampment on August 15, 1949.

(Address of the commander in chief follows:)

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Last year at Grand Rapids, Mich., you elevated me to the highest office in our beloved organization, an honor which I deeply appreciate, and it has been my endeavor all through the year to fill this office with the dignity it deserves.

On my return home I was met at the train in Portland, Oreg., by the mayor, members of our affiliated organizations with their colors, members of the American Legion, and various other patriotic orders, and given a royal welcome. On November 11 I rode at the head of the Armistice Day parade, an honor which I appreciated. On November 12 our secretary arrived in Portland and we opened our headquarters in the county courthouse in the room long occupied by the Grand Army of the Republic as their department headquarters. I was the guest at many luncheons and parties during the winter months and at Christmas was the guest of the president of Betsy Ross Tent and her family, a day very much enjoyed. New Years' Day was spent with friends in Vancouver, Wash. During the winter I had a yearning to be with some of my own family and arrangements were made to go to my granddaughter in La Jolla, Calif., after my birthday party. On January 23 I was royally entertained by our affiliated organizations and

the various patriotic organizations in the State of Oregon, the occasion being my one hundredth birthday. At this time the Governor of Oregon and the mayor of Portland, Mrs. Dorothy McCollough Lee, were present to extend their felicitations. I was delighted to also have with me one of my granddaughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Elser of Los Angeles, who had made the long trip to help to make this a joyous occasion. A huge birthday cake was cut with a sword which had been used during the Civil War, and every guest enjoyed the cake with me. There were about 300 people present.

On the 29th of January I started for California and was met in Los Angeles by my granddaughter, Dr. Elizabeth Pelsma Levy, and driven to her home in La Jolla, where I spent a few months. During my visit there I was the guest of honor at many affairs given by patriotic orders.

In March the longing for my old friends in the North become so strong that I returned and through the courtesy of Mrs. Hester Cook, an earnest worker in all of our ladies' organizations, I was given a room in her home in Vancouver, Wash. Then came a round of visits to various organizations in Oregon. In April I returned to California by plane to attend the Encampment of the California Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. I was disappointed to find that none of the California comrades were able to attend their meeting, but was royally entertained by our Auxiliary and our allied organizations. The department secretary of California, Mrs. Lillian Gardner, was very kind to see that I attended all of the conventions and entertained as California knows how to do.

Returning to Vancouver, I again started on a round of visits with my Oregon friends. I attended many meetings in both Oregon and Washington, among them the district meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps in Vancouver; a district meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps in Hoquiam, Wash.; a district meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Camas, Wash.; a district meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps in Oregon City; a reception in Grants Pass for the department president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Annie Steinbaugh; several banquets of Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Spanish War Veterans, and the American Legion. On May 22 I was the guest of honor at a reception in the assembly room at the courthouse in Vancouver, sponsored by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps of Vancouver, and assisted by all the associated patriotic orders, United Spanish War Veterans and their auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary, Gold Star Mothers, Purple Heart, and the American Legion and auxiliary. This was a very fine affair, attended by the mayor and several judges. I was the recipient of lovely flowers and a very fine billfold.

On May 29 I attended Memorial Day services at the First Baptist Church in Portland, participated in the Memorial Day parade at Vancouver, and in the afternoon of Memorial Day I spoke at the services of the Grand Army of the Republic in our cemetery in Portland. This was followed by a ceremony in Lincoln Memorial Park, and at 6:30 that evening I spoke over Station KXAN.

It was our pleasure to have the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Bernice Hecht, with us in

Portland and I attended several dinners in her honor, also a banquet for the national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Lena G. Barrett. Early in June I went to Walla Walla, Wash., to attend the annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps and the second week in June was the guest of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Bremerton, Wash., at their annual convention. I thoroughly enjoyed both of these conventions with our Washington family. I regretted that our past commander in chief, Hiram R. Gale, was ill and unable to be with us on these occasions.

It was the regret of my life that I was unable to attend the conventions of our auxiliary and allied organizations in the State of Oregon, but I was able to be present at the banquet of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Portland at the time of their convention. A much-needed rest kept me at home for a few days after the Washington trip.

On July 28 I had the honor of raising the flag which was presented to a Girl Scout troop at summer camp in Washington about 55 miles east of Vancouver. This was presented by Mary Logan Tent, No. 8, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I have received many invitations this year to attend various meetings in California and in my own State, which I have been obliged to decline, since it is my desire to attend our national encampment in August. I appreciate the thought behind these invitations but my better judgment has told me that I must conserve my strength. Our official family in Oregon have been more than kind to me and I appreciate all they have done for me this year and in the years gone by and hope they will continue to carry on indefinitely in our beloved State of Oregon.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you always.

LEGISLATION

As has been customary for many years, our secretary contacted a Congressman from Indiana in an effort to have a bill introduced to bring the United States Marine Band to our encampment and through the efforts of Congressman Andrew Jacobs of Indianapolis this bill was passed and signed by the President so that once more we may enjoy this wonderful music.

At our eighty-second national encampment a resolution was passed to ask for a commemorative postage stamp this year. This resolution came to us from California and the work of securing this stamp was turned over to the gentleman suggesting the idea. Through his brother in Iowa, a bill was introduced by Congressman Martin of Iowa and then after months of letter writing on the part of our allied organizations and with the assistance of Congressmen from Indiana, Oregon, and Massachusetts, the Postmaster General finally agreed to give us a commemorative postage stamp. This will go on sale for the first time in Indianapolis on Monday, August 29, with appropriate ceremonies at the Monument Circle. Our deep appreciation is extended to all who have worked so hard for this project.

MEMBERSHIP

This year has been a very sad one for all of us, with the passing of so many of our beloved members. The report of the adjutant and quartermaster general will show the losses. Shortly after our last encampment we learned of the passing of our junior vice commander in chief, Comrade Osborn of Missouri. Comrade Osborn had expressed very emphatically in our last encampment that the time had come when our encampment should end because of the age and infirmities of the men, and he was the first one to leave us after the encampment. In February death again entered our ranks and took our beloved adjutant and quartermaster general, John C. Adams of Indiana, our last Indiana member. In May of this year we were saddened by the passing of our past commander in chief, Robert M. Rownd of Ripley, N. Y., and on June 7 our beloved senior vice commander in chief and past commander in chief, John H. Grate, the last member in Ohio. The loss of four officers this year and four of our most important men has left a vacancy that can never be filled. While we mourn their loss, we know that they are happy with their loved ones on the other shore.

FINANCES

As has been customary for so many years, our auxiliary and allied orders were very generous to us last year at our encampment, and it is because of this assistance that we have been able to carry on for so many years. We have endeavored to keep our expenses down as much as possible this year but moving the office twice this year has caused some extra expense. Printing was high in Oregon and in Washington, D. C., so our secretary made arrangements to have the printing done in her home town at much less. We hope to end the year with a fair amount of money in our treasury and only wish it were possible to say that gifts were unnecessary this year, but until the organization is finally closed there will be expenses to handle, although they will be kept at a minimum.

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND

For many years we have been able to decorate the southern cemeteries where we have comrades buried through the generosity of our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps and our Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This work has been carried on under the supervision of Mrs. Zola Miller Donahoe, a member of both organizations, and to Mrs. Donahoe we want to express our gratitude for this has been a tremendous task for her. It is our hope that this work will continue in the years to come under the same management. The wreath which we leave in the national cemeteries is sometimes the only evidence of Memorial Day in these places, and the placing of the wreaths at the Lincoln Monuments in London and Mexico are always accompanied by an appropriate program. Our thanks are extended to all who have had so prominent a part in this noble work. May your good work continue.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

At this time may I express my deep appreciation to all who have remembered me in so many ways this past year. Words are inadequate to express my feelings at this time. You have made this one of the happiest years of my life and so long as I am privileged to live I will remember the many courtesies extended to me and the many gifts received. The year has had some disappointments but the many pleasant memories will always offset the disappointments I may have had.

It was a pleasure to have our headquarters in Portland, Oreg., for several months, but moving our secretary to Washington, D. C., our legal address, was a wise move for many reasons. She has been able to keep in close touch with the various bills that we have introduced this year and being in the central part of the country has enabled her to represent me on several occasions.

To our Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War may I express our thanks and those of our secretary for the lovely office provided in your headquarters building. Surrounded with many records and being so close to the National Archives has enabled our secretary to be of assistance to many this year in securing necessary records to prove their eligibility to our allied organizations.

To our secretary, and the secretary of the Department of Indiana, Mrs. Irene Compton, who has taken such splendid care of our books for the quartermaster, we extend our sincere thanks.

To the heads of our Auxiliary and the allied organizations may I express my deep appreciation for your courtesies to me this year. I regret that we could not have met oftener, but I have enjoyed the times that we have been together. My sincere hope is that your years have been happy ones, and that much good has been accomplished. May you be guided well in your conventions and may the future be happy for all of you.

To my comrades, as we come to the end of another year, may we legislate wisely, keeping in mind the wonderful work that has been accomplished by our organization in years gone by, and may we set our house in order so that when the time comes for us to lay down the burdens of life, our family may carry on intelligently and well. My thanks to you, dear comrades, for this high honor which you gave to me, and may God's richest blessings be yours in the days to come.

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Commander in Chief.

Miss GILLIS. I have a large number of telegrams and letters of greeting that have come from all over the United States, but I am not going to take the time to read them to you this morning. Every one will be in the National Journal, so that when you get your journals sometime early next year you will all have a chance to read these good wishes that have come from all over the country to you.

(Following are the communications referred to:)

COMMUNICATIONS

CLYDE LEWIS,

*National Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
McAllister Hotel, Miami, Fla.:*

Congratulations on election. We are looking forward to greeting you on the 31st.

Mrs. LAURA GOOD,
National President, American Legion Auxiliary,
Philadelphia, Pa.:

Best wishes for a successful and constructive convention to our Laura.

HENRY H. DUDLEY,
National Adjutant, the American Legion,
Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Greetings and best wishes for a successful and harmonious convention from the Eighty-third and Final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. You are to be commended for your wonderful work and may the years to come show the result of your labor for peace and harmony in the world.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

THE AMERICAN LEGION,
National Headquarters.

It is a pleasure to quote below Resolution No. 417 which was adopted by the Thirty-first Annual National Convention of the American Legion, held in Philadelphia, Pa., recently:

"Whereas the men of the Grand Army of the Republic, organized in Decatur, Ill., in 1866, are now holding their last encampment in Indianapolis, Ind., on August 28-30, 1949; and

"Whereas the men of 1861-65 preserved for us a Nation and handed down unimpaired to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; and

"Whereas we mourn the passing of this fine American patriotic group: Therefore be it

"Resolved by the American Legion in convention assembled in Philadelphia, Pa., August 29, 30, 31, and September 1, 1949, That we do hereby express gratitude and thanks to the Grand Army of the Republic for its lasting and monumental contributions which these distinguished Americans made to the perpetuity of our institutions."

DETROIT, MICH.

The National Society of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America salute the survivors of that momentous conflict and pay tribute to the memory of their comrades, who across the years served their country and helped preserve the Union.

FRANCIS E. CURTIS,
National President.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 27, 1949.

It is with heavy heart that we send farewell to the Grand Army of the Republic, to whom we owe so much, but we are sure that you will be glad to know that we of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will strive to carry on with the memories of the GAR to guide us.

May your stay in our great city be happy and that it will live long in your memory. Please give our regards to the members of the GAR. Tell them that we will meet again in the big parade when the last taps are sounded.

FRED BRIEL,
Adjutant, Chapter 212, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 30, 1949.

On behalf of the Confederate Memorial Committee of Washington, D. C., and all that it represents, I have the honor to extend to you and through you to your comrades upon the occasion of your annual encampment, our greetings and sincere best wishes as befits fellow citizens of a country now happily reunited.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE,
 FRED W. MYERS, *Chairman.*

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 25, 1949.

Greetings. We, your comrades from Minnesota, salute you, the last surviving members of the Grand Army of noble heroes. As these words are read you will

be holding your last national reunion which brings great sorrow to us. Many of us had grandfathers who stood shoulder to shoulder with you in that great war. We are proud of that fact.

We send this greeting to you on a day which, with its memories of long ago, is apt to fill your hearts with grief and sorrow. We send this message to you to make the day brighter and to recall your days together with your departed comrades when you spent your youth in vindicating your faith in the principles upon which our Government was founded. I know I speak for all Rainbow members throughout these United States in expressing these sentiments.

God bless you and may your remaining days be filled with happiness.

FRANK M. WEST,
Historian, Rainbow Division Veterans.

IOWA DEPARTMENT AMERICAN LEGION.

Whereas the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as indicated by press releases, will hold the last encampment in Indianapolis, Ind., this fall; and

Whereas the members of the GAR have rendered outstanding service to this Republic; and

Whereas this now select group should be paid a fitting tribute and tendered the kind of appreciation a loyal citizenry is proud to extend; and

Whereas the American Legion is especially suited, particularly due to the situs of the Legion headquarters, to do proper honor to this group: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the membership of Walcott Post No. 548, the American Legion, Department of Iowa, That the American Legion do all that is possible to extend to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic a tribute, second to none, to them in their last and final encampment; that full publicity be given to this encampment; that the record revealed at this encampment be such as it must be, that as time goes on the citizenry will ever remember the noble deeds of the GAR.

WALCOTT POST NO. 548.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., *August 29, 1949.*

The following resolution was introduced by Comrade Charles S. Fleming of Uptown Post, No. 400, and seconded by Comrade Schoenauer of Alonzo Cudworth Post, No. 23, and unanimously carried at a regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion, held in Milwaukee on May 25, 1949:

Resolved, That the best wishes of the members of the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, and its officers, and the Legionnaires of Milwaukee County, Wis., be and hereby are extended to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in its last national encampment to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., on August 28 to 31, 1949; and be it further

Resolved, That we highly commend the members of the Grand Army of the Republic for their many years of patriotic activities, and we are happy in the thought that we are with them in spirit in their last national encampment, and we gladly acknowledge that we are all better Americans because of the noble example set by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic during the many years of its existence; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic at the last national encampment at Indianapolis, Ind., on August 29 to 31, 1949.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNCIL,
JEROME E. HOST, *Commander.*

EAST HAMPTON, MASS., *May 3, 1949.*

RESOLUTION ON THE DISBANDING OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Whereas 83 years ago in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., a group of Union veterans of the Civil War gathered together and organized as the Grand Army of the Republic;

Whereas for over fourscore years this valiant organization has been the backbone of our country in all fields of endeavor from the largest city in the world to the smallest hamlet in the land;

Whereas at the Eighty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Grand Rapids, Mich., in September 1948, with only six survivors of that mighty force in attendance, it was unanimously voted to hold the last national encampment in Indianapolis, Ind., the city where the organization was founded: Be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the people of Easthampton, Mass., in annual town meeting assembled, do hereby extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic for the part they have taken down through the years in the history of our country, and we hereby express our sorrow that time has caused them to lay aside their tasks; be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JOHN W. EMERY.

FRANK J. JANICK, *Clerk*.

CHICOPEE, MASS., August 26, 1949.

Whereas for over fourscore years the Grand Army of the Republic has been the backbone of our country in all fields of endeavor; and

Whereas the valiant organization was organized and composed of Union veterans of the Civil War: Be it therefore

Resolved, That I, Edward Bourbeau, as mayor of the city of Chicopee, Mass., do hereby extend the sincere thanks and appreciation of the citizenry of the survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic for the part they have taken down through the years in the history of our country. We also wish to express our sorrow that time has caused them to lay aside their tasks: and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be sent to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

EDWARD BOURBEAU, *Mayor*.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

RESOLUTION EXTENDING TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC THE GREETINGS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic is presently in session at Indianapolis, Ind., at its eighty-third, and which may be its last, grand encampment; and

Whereas the surviving members of that great army typify the courage and fortitude which inspires men to heroic deeds in times of national peril; and

Whereas the ideals of freedom and unity upon which the Grand Army of the Republic was founded will continue as a memorial to the men who composed it: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate hereby extends to the officers and members of the Eighty-third Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic its greetings and deep appreciation of a work well done; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted by the secretary of the Commonwealth to the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Senate, August 31, 1949.

Adopted.

[SEAL]

IRVING N. HAYDEN, *Clerk*.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 19, 1949.

It is an honor and privilege to extend to you my personal good wishes and those of the people of Rhode Island.

Through you we express our gratitude to your comrades, living and dead, whose merit and memories have ever been idealized in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Every true American is saddened as time severs the living bonds to so vital and dramatic an hour of our history, but the gratitude of our people shall make them eternally mindful of the service and sacrifice through which the security and solidarity of our land has been maintained.

An entire world has reason to be grateful, for twice it has found its salvation in this country whose might prevailed only because that strength and spirit was as one—loyal and undivided.

Truly you and your comrades have not lived or died in vain.

Sincerely,

JOHN O. PASTORE, *Governor.*

TRENTON, N. J., *September 1, 1949.*

The eyes of the Nation are on Indianapolis today as the Grand Army of the Republic concludes its final encampment. New Jersey joins in paying homage and tribute to those surviving members of Abraham Lincoln's forces. The pride our State feels on this historic occasion is, of course, tinged with sadness as the annual encampments come to an end, thus closing a great chapter in America's history. To that little handful of Civil War veterans who survive, to their families and the descendants of their comrades in arms, to all who have followed them in the cause of taking up arms for the preservation of our Nation we give our thanks and say, well done.

ALFRED E. DRISCOLL, *Governor of New Jersey.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, *August 28, 1949.*

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Association of Ex-Pupils of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, Xenia, Ohio, at their last reunion July 2-4, 1949:

"Be it resolved, That this association of ex-pupils express our regret at the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled in their last encampment at Indianapolis on August 25, 1949, when the last chapter will be written and history will record their accomplishments; be it further

"Resolved, That we as an association will always owe to them our appreciation for having founded this home and that it will always remain a tribute of their loyalty to their comrades in caring for the orphans of all wars; be it further

"Resolved, That their deeds shall always be remembered, nor the memorial of them forgotten unto every generation; and be it

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to National Secretary Miss Cora Gillis, at the time of their encampment."

LLOYD BREWSTER, *President.*

SULLIVAN, IND., *August 29, 1949.*

May you have a happy convention and may God guard and bless you is our prayer.

THE FRANK NEFF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, No. 155.

MONTEREY, CALIF., *August 27, 1949.*

Congratulations and best wishes.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, No. 157.

SHERIDAN, WYO., *August 29, 1949.*

Greetings from May Lamphere, daughter of Corp. Stephen Sloan, Forty-fourth Missouri.

EUGENE, OREG., *August 28, 1949.*

Greetings to you and your comrades from your daughters, Past Department Presidents Mary Furber, Esta Bier, Laura England.

WORCESTER, MASS., *August 29, 1949.*

Congratulations for a most successful encampment. Best wishes to you and your comrades.

WILLIE GROUT CAMP, No. 25, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

WORCESTER, MASS., *August 29, 1949.*

Best wishes to GAR comrades.

WORCESTER COUNTY SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

CHICAGO, ILL., *August 29, 1949.*

Congratulations to you and your comrades of the GAR on your eighty-third national encampment. Your record as an organization is long and inspiring to all veterans. The Department of Illinois United Spanish War Veterans salute you.

WARREN H. NEUREITHER, *Department Commander.*

BOSTON, MASS., *August 27, 1949.*

Cordial greetings from Department of Massachusetts, United Spanish War Veterans, to the Boys in Blue. God bless you.

J. EMANUEL BERG, *State Commander.*

NEW YORK, N. Y., *August 29, 1949.*

Tenting tonight, for the last time, the Grand Army of the Republic. The finest this world has ever known. For the few remaining heroes of this gallant army that will assemble tomorrow, August 30, to answer the last roll call to the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Indianapolis, Ind., we of Manhattan Camp, No. 1, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, wish to extend to you our sincere felicitations and deepest gratitude for the very noble work that you and your departed comrades have done in behalf of your beloved country and your ideas and ideals shall forever live in the hearts and mind of every true American. For your departed comrades who have answered the last roll call, it is our sincere wish that their souls along with all the souls of their departed comrades shall forever more rest in peace.

JOHN M. MOHAN, *Adjutant.*

TOLEDO, OHIO, *August 29, 1949.*

Comrades, I wish to extend greetings to you and the assembly. May your last GAR convention be very pleasant. Best wishes to you.

Mrs. HAZEL SPALLER,
National President, Auxiliary National Corps, Army and Navy Union.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *August 29, 1949.*

Navy Club Auxiliary, U. S. S. Indianapolis, Ship No. 42, sends greetings and best wishes for your annual encampment.

Mrs. EDNA HOFFMAN, *Commandant.*

VICTOR, IOWA, *August 27, 1949.*

Success to the GAR encampment. Your banners, like your deeds, are immortal and will live through the ages. All GAR members were voted life membership in the Army and the Navy Union, U. S. A., at our recent Sixty-first National Encampment. The ANU was founded in 1886. Your National Senior Vice Commander Charles L. Chappel is a member of Garrison, No. 139, Long Beach; Albert Hard, of Rochester, is also a member of the ANU. To the saviors of our Nation we say "God bless you all."

Col. JOSEPH STEPLIN,
National Commander.

NEW YORK, N. Y., *August 27, 1949.*

With justifiable pride Beauva's Hudson Post, No. 126, of the American Legion, Department of New York, takes the greatest pleasure in saluting the Grand Army of the Republic in this their last convention.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., *August 19, 1949.*

Members of Bakersfield Post, 26, American Legion, extend their ardent best wishes to you and your delegates of your convention as well as to all absent members.

C. A. SAINT, *Commander.*
JOHN DOUGLAS, *Adjutant.*

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *August 29, 1949.*

Seven hundred and fifty delegates extend to you our greetings for your glorious task and excellent record.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT, THE AMERICAN LEGION,
MERLE SCHAAD, *Department Commander.*

MILLVILLE, MASS., *August 28, 1949.*

We salute you gallant comrades. Your achievements will live forever.

MILVILLE MEMORIAL POST, No. 411, AMERICAN LEGION.

DECATUR, ILL., *August 29, 1949.*

Castle Williams Post, 105, American Legion, in Decatur, Ill., the birthplace of the GAR, upon this occasion of the final encampment wish to commend the first great patriotic organization in this country for the many activities and the inspiration they have given our great democracy. Born of blood and tears, your many years of inspiration and tradition have assisted in the cause of a Nation united. Farewell, comrades in arms, we shall miss you.

L. I. O'LAUGHLIN, *Commander, Post 105.*

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *August 30, 1949.*

Congratulations and best wishes on your last memorial event hoping many happy returns of the day.

MARION COUNTY CHAPTER, AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS,
Mrs. CHAS. DONGUS, *President.*

EVERETT, WASH., *August 29, 1949.*

Dear Comrades, greetings on your eighty-third encampment.

In comradeship,

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS,
FRANK SPILLMAN, *Chaplain.*

LYNN, MASS., *August 29, 1949.*

The Massachusetts Department of AMVETS wishes to congratulate the oldest vet organization. We, the youngest, will try to carry out the fine work you have done.

PAUL L. TRAINOR, *Department Commander.*

MUNCIE, IND., *August 27, 1949.*

The Nation's youngest veterans' organization—AMVETS—is proud to salute the Nation's oldest on the occasion of its last annual encampment. All Americans forever remember your unselfish contributions to the unity of this Nation.

JOHN C. HYNES,
Indiana Department Commander, AMVETS.

DULUTH, MINN., *August 29, 1949.*

Congratulations on your encampment, we admire your spunk.

FRANK LEO FOX POST, No. 1217, VFW.

PATERSON, N. J., *August 29, 1949.*

We send our warmest congratulations to you who are attending the eighty-third encampment.

WRIGHT AERONAUTICAL EX-SERVICEMEN,
GEORGE A. UPTON,
Commander, Woodridge, N. J.

LIVERPOOL, OHIO, *August 29, 1949.*

Greetings of the Eighty-third Division, AEF Veterans Association of Ohio, on your grand and successful eighty-third annual convention of that grand and glorious Grand Army of the Republic, which every American should feel proud to honor and respect for services rendered, for if it was not for you grand ole servicemen in '61 and '65 America would possibly even today not be united as we are and although the ages of all you comrades are far over that three score and ten with an extra score and ten added on, all Americans hope and pray that God will see fit to continue your life for several more years to come and in case you do go on record to disband on this your eighty-third convention, we of the Eighty-third Division, AEF Veterans' Association of Ohio, will be more than proud you carried on to our division No. 83 before closing your books on the grandest Grand Army of the Republic America has ever known.

May God bless each and every one of you with continued success and happiness from your comrades in arms of the Eighty-third Division, AEF Veterans Association of Ohio. I am starting on an inspection tour over U. S. Route No. 21 which has been given over by the State of Ohio and dedicated as Eighty-third Division Memorial Highway, of which we are justly proud.

CHARLES R. LOGAN,
Commander, Eighty-third Division AEF Veterans Association of Ohio.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., *August 29, 1949.*

Congratulations and best wishes on your 1931 encampment. My father was one of your GAR buddies. Wishing you all a wonderful time.

Mrs. LEWIS WILMOT.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., *August 28, 1949.*

In memory of my grandfather, Aylett Raines Burnett, Company C, Nineteenth Ohio Regiment, my uncle, Gen. Henry L. Burnett, Company C Second Ohio Regiment, and in deference to your loyalty to our country, I humbly salute you.

MARIE BURNETT LAVENDER.

WINFIELD, KANS., *August 27, 1949.*

Greetings, from the son and daughter of William Iry, Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

MINNIE M. IRY.

BAYONNE, N. J., August 28, 1949.

In the name of the people of the city of Bayonne, N. J., I express to you heartiest felicitations on the occasion of your final encampment. In it is my earnest prayer that Almighty God will sustain you in the days to come on earth and that the fulfillment of a glorious encampment in eternity will be your richly earned reward.

CHARLES HEISER, *Mayor of Bayonne, N. J.*

JERSEY CITY, N. J., August 29, 1949.

Sincerest best wishes to this truly American organization on the occasion of its final encampment. Jersey City salutes you.

Mayor JOHN V. KENNY.

CAPE MAY, N. J., August 28, 1949.

All honor and glory to the noble men, past and present, of the Grand Army of the Republic. The sacred memory of the Union soldiers who answered the call of the immortal Lincoln is forever enshrined in the hearts of your countrymen.

DONALD CARR.

DENVER, COLO., August 28, 1949.

Congratulations on the last annual GAR encampment.

Mrs. JOHN J. PEEBLES,
Granddaughter of the Late James E. Jewell, Commander in Chief.

MIAMI, FLA., August 29, 1949.

Congratulations and best wishes for a most successful national encampment.

Mrs. DONAT F. MONACO,
National President, V. F. W. Auxiliary.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., August 29, 1949.

Best wishes for many happy conventions.

AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS.
Mrs. LORETTO FALSEY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 26, 1949.

I send you my best wishes and congratulations.

CORA WARNER WILBER,
President, District of Columbia Society, Dames of the Loyal Legion.

Miss GILLIS. I have prepared resolutions on the death of Past Commander in Chief Rownd, Past Commander in Chief Grate, Adjutant and Quartermaster General John C. Adams, and your junior vice commander in chief, William H. Osborn. These resolutions will all appear in the journal.

(They will be found beginning at p. 128.)

The resolution of thanks will also be prepared by the Secretary and placed in the journal in full.

(The resolution is as follows:)

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic are meeting for their final encampment in Indianapolis, Ind., the city in which the first national encampment was held; and

Whereas the State of Indiana and the city of Indianapolis have entertained us many times in the years gone by; Be it

Resolved, That we express our deepest appreciation to the Governor of Indiana, Hon. Henry F. Schricker, to Lieut. Gov. John A. Watkins, to Mayor Al. Feeny of the city of Indianapolis, the citizens of Indianapolis, the First Baptist Church, the management of the Claypool Hotel, the management of the Indiana Roof, Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Bureau, the National American Legion, Firemen's Post No. 42 of the American Legion, the chief of police and safety department, the Indianapolis Mannechor, St. Cecelia Choir, Murat Chanters, the Indianapolis News, Indianapolis Star, and Indianapolis Times, to Mrs. Irene Compton and the members of the general committee and to Mr. George Hoster and the citizens who supplied automobiles for use during the encampment and to all who participated in our programs; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the President of the United States and the Congress for permitting us to have the United States Marine Band at our final encampment, and to Maj. Wm. F. Santelmann for the many kindnesses extended during the past 12 years. This band has become so much a part of our organization that no encampment would be a success without them. To every man in the band we extend our sincere thanks and best wishes; Be it further

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, for coming to us, and also for supplying us with such a fine doctor and nurse; and be it also

Resolved, That, in this our final encampment, we express to our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our deepest appreciation for their kindness and assistance through all these years. Words are inadequate to express our feelings.

Miss GILLIS. Copies of the roll of the encampment and the address of the commander in chief and reports of national officers have been sent to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or personally delivered to those in attendance at the encampment. They will all be printed in the Journal.

I have the following reports:

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Your credentials committee desire to report the following present and entitled to vote in national encampment:

3 national officers
2 past department commanders
1 member at large under National

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant and Quartermaster-General.
CORA E. GILLIS,
National Secretary.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Irma L. Nixon wishes to report that the books of the adjutant and quartermaster-general, John S. Dumser, as kept by Irene Compton, secretary, have been audited and found correct.

IRMA L. NIXON,
Auditor.

Now we have with us this morning our legal adviser, James H. Willett, of Iowa. Mr. Willett is the son of your past commander in chief who served for so many years as your judge advocate. Mr.

Willett is going to talk to you now about the resolutions which we have to pass to take care of the legal business so that it will be taken care of in a proper manner. Then when the time comes for the closing, which will not be right now, of course, we will know and you will know that these things have been taken care of as they should be, legally. I thought that Mr. Willett could make you understand the legal end of this business much better than I could, and he knows that these things have to be done.

MR. WILLETT. Comrades, can you hear? We have certain resolutions and things to be done this morning in the closing of the encampment in order that the closing may be done legally.

Under the act of Congress the corporate existence of the Grand Army of the Republic and the exclusive rights of the surviving members to wear the insignia of membership shall terminate only when the last of its members dies. In other words, so you understand, this encampment is the business meeting, but the incorporation shall continue and the Grand Army of the Republic continue until the last man passes on.

I think there has been some confusion, some misunderstanding relative to this situation. The Grand Army continues, but the encampment or business session closes. But if there are any meetings of any kind in the future and any of those that are here today would desire to attend, of course they could, and they would be glad to have them attend if there were future meetings, but no future encampment. You would be the guests of the different allied organizations.

The first resolution is relative to the Southern Memorial fund. There is in this fund the sum of \$152.39, which should be turned back to the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans. These organizations raised the funds and donated the same for the purpose of the Southern Memorial—that is, for the decoration of the graves in the South. They will continue that, but this money should be turned back to those two organizations.

MISS GILLIS. Comrades, we have to have a motion now that this money be returned to the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Veterans for the Southern Memorial fund. They have done this work all these years and we have handled the money. Now they are going to continue decorating the graves in the South and we want to return this small balance to them. They will carry on that work just as they have been doing. Comrade Hard, I wonder if you would like to make a motion that that money be returned to the two ladies' organizations that have given it?

COMRADE HARD. Comrades, I make a motion that that money be returned to complete it.

MISS GILLIS. Comrade Hard has made the motion. Comrade Chappel, do you hear me?

COMRADE CHAPPEL. I second that motion.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF PENLAND. It is moved and seconded that this money be returned to the Woman's Relief Corps and to the Daughters, for the Southern Memorial fund. Please vote on that. Those in favor say "Yes." Opposed, "No." Carried.

I declare this resolution adopted on the Southern Memorial fund, that it be returned to the Relief Corps and the Daughters.

(Following is the resolution thus adopted:)

Whereas the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans have in the past provided for a Southern Memorial; and

Whereas these two organizations have raised funds and donated the same for the purpose of this Southern Memorial; and

Whereas there is now on hand the sum of \$152.39 in the Southern Memorial fund; and

Whereas the donations by the two organizations having been made; and

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic at its eighty-third national encampment is about to close and disband: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the money on hand as stated in this resolution be divided equally as near as can be and that there be paid to the proper officers of the Woman's Relief Corps \$76.20 and to the Daughters of Union Veterans \$76.19, and receipts taken for the refund.

Mr. WILLETT. We have a resolution now relative to the different allied organizations and their donations, and that after expenses are paid whatever balance is left will be divided among these organizations in proportion to the amount of their donations. That is the expense in closing the encampment and the work that is to be done in closing the affairs of this encampment.

Do you understand, Comrade Hard and Comrade Chappel? There is the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and whatever donations that they shall make, after the expenses are paid in closing up the affairs in regular legal way, whatever money is left will be refunded to these orders in proportion to the amount that they have donated this year.

Miss GILLIS. Last night at the semiofficial meeting we received \$3,400 from the Auxiliary and the allied organizations. What Mr. Willett is trying to tell you is that when the time comes for the closing of the organization, if there is any money left after all bills are paid, I want permission to return that balance to those various organizations. Now will somebody make a motion to that effect? That will be after all bills are paid, if there is anything left it will be returned to the organizations that have donated it.

Comrade HARD. I make a motion that the money can be returned to those organizations in proportion to the amount paid by them.

(Seconded by Comrade Chappel.)

Miss GILLIS. Are you all in favor? I am going to put this for the commander, for it is a little hard for him this morning. All in favor of returning whatever is left after your bills are paid to the organizations please say "Aye." That is, according to this resolution that we have just read. Those opposed, if any?

Commander in Chief PENLAND. I declare the motion carried.

(Following is the resolution thus adopted:)

Whereas the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have in the past made certain donations to the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas, because of the age and infirmity of the surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic, it was decided that this eighty-third national encampment being held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., be considered as the last annual encampment; and

Whereas said national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic being about to close, disband, and wind up its affairs as a national organization; and

Whereas it will be necessary after the close of this encampment commencing the week of August 28, 1949, the last business session to be held on August 31, 1949, and being advised that it will take some little time to make disposition in future ownership of the property of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas it will take money to look after the closing and final disposition of the property of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas the above organizations are willing to make certain donations with the understanding that whatever may be left will be refunded pro rata to the several organizations in proportion to the amount of their donations: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the above organizations shall make their donations to the Grand Army of the Republic with the understanding that, whatever may be left and not expended, the amounts be accounted for and a refund made pro rata to the above organizations in proportion to the donations as made by said organizations and that the national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic be and she is hereby authorized and directed to make such accounting and to make any refunds as provided herein.

Miss GILLIS. I just want to be sure that every one of you understand what you are voting on this morning. That is why Mr. Willett is reading these to you, because he has a stronger voice than I do. He is our legal adviser and he would not ask you to do a thing that was not the right thing to do for the good of your organization.

While Mr. Willett is looking up the next resolution I want to say to all of you that while this will be your last business meeting it does not mean that you won't be able to go to a convention next year if you want to go. You would not have a business meeting, but all of these organizations will be just delighted to have you come as their guest, and then you would just come and enjoy yourselves and not have to worry about business, because we want to take care of that now while you men are all able to vote on these things and know what you are voting on. But if there is any man living next year that is able to go to the national convention of the allied organizations we will all be so glad to have you there, and you will have just as good a time as you have had any other time in your life.

Mr. WILLETT. The next resolution is with regard to the commemorative stamp, and this resolution is extending appreciation and thanks to the Postmaster General of the United States and his associates in issuing this commemorative stamp. That is a short way of putting the resolution, and I will turn this back to the commander in chief.

Miss GILLIS. This resolution is just thanking the Government for the commemorative stamp which went on sale here yesterday. Some of you may have seen them, but if you have not you will see them when you get home, because I mailed everyone a postal showing the monument here in Indianapolis where the services were held yesterday, and every postcard has one of these stamps on. If you want any more of those stamps to put on some of your mail, I have some on hand just for that purpose.

Now, we would like to have a motion, and Comrade Chappel do you want to make that motion that this resolution be passed thanking the Postmaster General for issuing that commemorative stamp yesterday? If you will just say "Yes," you will make that motion and we will so record it.

Comrade CHAPPEL. I do.

Miss GILLIS. Comrade Barrett, can you hear what I am saying? Can you, Comrade Clovese? Would you second that motion that we thank the Government for issuing that postage stamp?

Comrade CLOVESE. I will.

Miss GILLIS. It has been moved by Comrade Chappel and seconded by Comrade Clovese that this resolution thanking the Government for

the commemorative stamp be adopted. All in favor say "Aye." All opposed, if any?

Commander in Chief PENLAND. I declare the motion carried.

(Following is the resolution thus adopted:)

Whereas, for a long time, it has been considered that a commemorative stamp honoring the Grand Army of the Republic at its last meeting commencing the week of August 28, A. D. 1949, at Indianapolis, Ind., should be issued; and

Whereas the first national encampment was held on the 20th day of November 1866, in the old Morrison Opera House at Indianapolis, Ind.; and

Whereas it is a fitting tribute to this great organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic that such a stamp be issued commemorative of this occasion; and

Whereas the Honorable Jesse M. Donaldson, Postmaster General, approved on June 28, 1949, such an issue recognizing the fact that it was of great merit in the remembrance of such a magnificent organization; and

Whereas the Postmaster General of the United States decided that this stamp should first go on sale in Indianapolis, Ind., the city in which the first and final national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic were and are to be held; and

Whereas the few remaining members of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic desire to show their appreciation to the Postmaster General in causing said commemorative stamp honoring the Grand Army of the Republic to be issued; and

Whereas an appropriate program was carried out on Monday, August 29, 1949, at 1:30 p. m. at Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Ind., duly honoring the issue of said commemorative stamp as a magnificent tribute to those members of the Grand Army of the Republic that have gone before and those few members remaining: Therefore be it

Resolved, That this National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled at its headquarters in session in the Claypool Hotel at Indianapolis, Ind., on this 31st day of August A. D. 1949, do hereby extend to the Postmaster General of the United States of America and his associates their sincere thanks in issuing the commemorative stamp honoring the Grand Army of the Republic and a great historic tribute in perpetuating the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is further ordered that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Postmaster General at Washington, D. C.

Miss GILLIS. Every word in the resolutions will be printed in the National Journal. If you cannot see to read some of the family will read them to you. We are not trying to do anything that is not right today. We are just trying to do the things that have to be done and to do them properly so that all this business will be in proper legal form.

Mr. WILLETT. Under the congressional act incorporating the Grand Army of the Republic, section 7, in regard to the disposition of the property and future ownership—that is, the property and archives, it is provided that a petition be filed in the United States Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and this resolution provides for the disposition of this property to the Smithsonian Institution, and some of the books that they do not have will be turned over to the Congressional Library. You understand one resolution in regard to some of the books was passed last year, to turn whatever they would want in to the Congressional Library, so that the Library will have one complete set. And what other property there is, like the seal and flags, would be turned over to the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution is that a petition would be filed in this Supreme Court and a decree made and issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia relative to the final disposition of this property.

Miss GILLIS. Last year we passed the resolution that the books be put in the Congressional Library, and that the badges and the flags

and the seal and those things will go in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, and they will be placed there when we are through with them. We have to have a resolution telling the Supreme Court that we are doing this because of the fact that you were incorporated under the Federal laws, and the Supreme Court would act at the close of this organization. This is just to get this thing in legal form so that when that time comes that all the men are gone then these things will be placed in Washington, D. C., and they will stay there forever. We just want a motion that this resolution be adopted.

Comrade CHAPPEL. I move that the resolution be adopted.

Miss GILLIS. The motion has been made by Comrade Chappel that this resolution be adopted. Somebody second that motion? [Seconded by Comrade Clovese.] All in favor say "Aye." Opposed?

Commander in Chief PENLAND. The motion is carried.

(Following is the resolution thus adopted:)

Whereas it is provided in section 7 of the articles of incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic enacted by the Sixty-eighth Congress of the United States of America, that the national encampment may by a resolution provide for the disposition and future ownership of its property and archives; and

Whereas said national encampment may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective and such ownership vested; and

Whereas a duly authenticated copy of such resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; and

Whereas it having been decided that this eighty-third national encampment shall be the last encampment to be held on account of the decrease in its membership and because of the age and infirmity of its surviving members; and

Whereas this national encampment being now about to close and disband, the following described property and archives consisting of one American flag, one Navy flag, one headquarters yellow banner, one official seal, set of officers' badges, one gavel made from wood from Lincoln home, some souvenir badges, shall be deposited with the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C.; and

Whereas it is now declared that such disposition of the property, ownership, and archives of the Grand Army of the Republic shall become effective and such ownership vested at this last national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at the national encampment meeting at the Claypool Hotel in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., on this 31st day of August, A. D. 1949: Therefore be it

Resolved by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in business session in rooms 486-488 at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., That the future ownership of the above property and archives as listed herein be deposited in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C. Same to become effective on the passage of this resolution, and it is further ordered that a duly authenticated copy of such resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, U. S. A. (now the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia), and that a petition in said court be filed reciting facts concerning the same. Said court to take jurisdiction thereof and upon proof being made that the court enter a decree which shall be effectual to vest title and ownership in accordance with the proof of this resolution.

Miss GILLIS. Comrade Clovese, we are glad that you can hear what we are talking about. Some of the men here are not so fortunate. We are glad to have you with us at this encampment for the first time in your life, and we are just so delighted that you could come. Comrade Clovese has the longest service record of any man living today. Comrade Hard had 2 years of service, and Comrade Clovese was in the Army for nearly 3 years, and we should be proud of the fact that our last colored comrade had such a wonderful record in the Civil War.

Mr. WILLETT. Comrades, this resolution is in regard to the closing of the encampment. Understand that the closing of the encampment and the closing of the incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic are two different matters. This is the business session, and on

account of the decrease in members and the age and infirmity of those that are here it was thought that we might not be able to have another encampment, and that this would be the last encampment, and that the officers—Theodore A. Penland and other officers—and Miss Cora E. Gillis as national secretary of the Grand Army would continue for such period of time that it would be necessary then to close the books and affairs of the encampment, and that she would continue as your secretary under the pay that she has been drawing in the past, on the same basis. There will be considerable detail work in winding up the affairs of the encampment, and this resolution is for the purpose of closing the encampment and continuing the officers as now for the few months that it will take to close this national encampment and make the records.

You still continue to be members of the Grand Army of the Republic until the last man passes on, and this is only a closing of the encampment, which is your business session. Do you understand that?

Miss GILLIS. I hope you all understand what Mr. Willett is telling us. We don't want anyone to think that we are trying to do anything wrong in this meeting. The officers will just continue as they are, and you will still have your membership in the Grand Army just as long as you live. We are not closing the organization but simply finishing the business sessions this year. Do you all understand that?

Comrade CHAPPEL. I do.

Miss GILLIS. Are you in favor of this resolution that the present officers will continue in office? Should one of the officers pass away the next one in line will simply move into that office. Are you all in favor of that? I want a motion on that, please.

Comrade CLOVESE. I move that the resolution be adopted.

Miss GILLIS. Comrade Clovese makes the motion that this resolution be adopted.

Comrade CHAPPEL. I second that motion.

Miss GILLIS. Comrade Chappel seconds that motion. All in favor say "aye." Comrade Hard, are you in favor of that motion? Are you understanding me, Comrade Hard? It is simply that the officers will continue as they are now.

Comrade HARD. Yes.

Miss GILLIS. Are you in favor of the motion?

Comrade CHAPPEL. I am.

Miss GILLIS. I am trying to find out if Comrade Hard understands this. I want to be sure that he knows what we are voting on.

Comrade HARD. I do, yes. I understand that perfectly.

Miss GILLIS. Are you in favor of these officers continuing as they are?

Comrade HARD. I do, yes.

Miss GILLIS. That is what I am trying to find out. We want to get that on record in the minutes. All in favor say "aye." Contrary? (None.)

Commander in Chief PENLAND. I declare the motion carried.

(Following is the resolution thus adopted:)

Whereas it has been decided that the first and only business session of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene Wednesday morning, August 31, 1949, at 9:30 o'clock in the commander's parlor, suite 486-488, Claypool Hotel at Indianapolis, Ind.; and

Whereas this, as is the custom, will be a close session for members of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas the officers elected and appointed in 1948 will continue in office until the closing of the organization; and

Whereas, Theodore A. Penland is now commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and the last Commander in Chief to be considered and that Cora E. Gillis is the national secretary of said organization, duly and legally selected for the balance of the term which is the life of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas a resolution has been prepared and passed that this eighty-third national encampment shall be the last encampment to be held on account of the decrease in membership and because of the age and infirmity of its surviving members; and

Whereas there will be a considerable amount of business to be transacted to wind up and close the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas the present officers should be continued for the purpose of handling the business matters in closing the affairs of said organization: Therefore be it

Resolved, That Theodore A. Penland, as national commander, and other officers, and Miss Cora E. Gillis as national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic be continued for such period of time as it will take to finally close the Grand Army of the Republic as an incorporated body and that she be continued with authority to act as such secretary in closing the affairs of said organization and that she be paid for her services for said period of time on the basis of which she is now being paid in order that the work and detail in closing the affairs of this great organization may be properly taken care of.

Miss GILLIS. I think that is all of the legal business that we have to take care of this morning. You can all rest for the balance of the day until time for your parade, which is the big event of the day. Comrade Hard, do you want to say something?

Comrade HARD. I do, yes. Comrades, I think it is about time for us to have a joint meeting with the southern fellows. I would like to have it understood that our secretary get into communication with the secretary of the Veterans of the Southern Confederacy and see if we cannot get them to join us in a friendly way as comrades. I think that Washington would be the best place for the meeting. This would not be in a meeting of the Grand Army nor of the Southern Confederacy. It would be a meeting of the two organizations. I would like to hear if the rest of the comrades present are in favor of such a meeting.

Miss GILLIS. Comrades, you have heard what Comrade Hard said. He thinks it would be nice to have another reunion with the Confederate veterans. Comrade Hard, the Confederate veterans are in no better condition to travel than most of the Union veterans today. They are having their final encampment in Little Rock, Ark., in September. They would be in just the same condition that you men are. I think it is a wonderful thought and I think it would be nice to tell them that you would like to have it, but I really feel it would be something that could not be accomplished because none of you would be able to stand a trip to Washington any more.

I think it is wonderful of you to feel that way and want the Confederate veterans to know that you have no enmity in your hearts for those men; that you want to be friends. I am sure they want to be friends with you. But I really feel, knowing the condition of all of the men who are here today, that any more trips for any of you would be simply impossible to take. I am just hoping that every one of you gets safely home and that you can live for a long time yet and enjoy life just as much as possible.

But I want to know what the other comrades think of Comrade Hard's idea. I think you all know that it would be impossible to have a reunion of the two armies any more, because everybody is in the same condition that you are. But you tell us what you think about it.

Comrade CHAPPEL. I know that it is impossible for me to go. The rest of the comrades, I don't know in regard to them. I thought I saw some of our comrades that didn't know that the Civil War was over. I found out years ago that it was.

Miss GILLIS. I wonder, Comrade Woolson, if you heard what we were talking about. Did you hear any of this at all?

Comrade WOOLSON. Miss Gillis, unless you speak very loud I cannot hear.

Miss GILLIS. Mr. Hard thought it would be nice to have a reunion with the Confederate veterans, but I told him that I thought that none of you ought to try to have a reunion with anybody any more, and we want to know how you feel about it.

Comrade WOOLSON. Yes.

Comrade CHAPPEL. I would like to make a little statement. From the middle of September 1865 till the 26th day of December 1869 I lived up in the mountain country of Virginia among old Jack Mosby's guerrilla men. I found the war was over.

Comrade HARD. I would like to think about it. I don't care about going to Washington, but I thought perhaps that would be the place.

Miss GILLIS. They would not be any more able to come up in the Northern States than you would be able to go somewhere else, because their men are all nearly the same ages as our men, and they have all reached the stage where if they get to their own encampment this fall they are going to be lucky, the same as you comrades have been to come here this week. But that thought is very fine, and we will see that it is placed in our records that you thought of it, and if it could be done that you would like to have a reunion. But I am quite sure that they would feel the same way, that they are unable to make any trips. We will record this in the minutes, however.

Comrade Clovese, can you hear? Comrade Hard thought it would be nice to have a reunion with the Confederate veterans. I told him they are all too old to consider it, the same as you boys here. But we would like to hear what you have to say, how you feel about it.

Comrade CLOVESE. I think it would be all right.

Miss GILLIS. They are not able to go any more than you are. That is what I want to get.

Comrade CLOVESE. They will go if they are able.

Miss GILLIS. I don't think they are any more able to travel than these men that are right here today. They are not quite as old as you are, but they are as old as some of the comrades. Comrade Clovese is 105 years. He is pretty smart to come to this encampment.

Comrade HARD. I don't think myself that any of the southern Confederate veterans would be able to go any place and hold a meeting with the members of the Grand Army, and I don't think that any of the Grand Army would.

Miss GILLIS. You just want them to know that you feel you would like it if it could be done?

Comrade HARD. Yes.

Miss GILLIS. I know what you have in mind. You want them to feel that there are no hard feelings any more between the North and the South; that it is just one big United States. Isn't that what you were trying to bring out, Comrade Hard? We will see that that gets in the papers that you said that, that this is one United States; we are friends now and we always will be.

Comrade CHAPPEL. I would offer a resolution from this encampment to their encampment.

Miss GILLIS. You want me to send them a letter telling them we hope they have just as nice an encampment as we are having here?

Comrade CHAPPEL. A resolution like that.

Miss GILLIS. I was planning to do that, Comrade Chappel. They don't meet until September, but I will see that they get this resolution that you are just hoping they will have just as nice a time as you are having here. We don't think that they can but we will put it in there anyway. We don't think anybody can have such a nice time as you fellows are having here this week.

Comrade HARD. I think if we had a meeting anywhere in the United States next summer that I would be able to attend it, but I don't think that the rest of the comrades—I don't know as any of them could. I have been in perfect health today and I may reach the 200 mark.

Miss GILLIS. We hope you do, Comrade Hard. We are so glad that you have been in such good health. We hope you have had a wonderful time here this week. I want you comrades to all get a good rest this afternoon because tonight comes your parade. Each one of you will have a special car to ride in, and the top will be down so that everybody can see you. You are going to sit right in those cars and you will not get out. You are going to sit right in the car where everybody can see you and you will be the Grand Army of the Republic. And then you are coming over to the campfire, and if anybody wants to do anything—sing a song or anything else—you are going to have a chance to do it tonight, and I am sure you are going to have a grand wind-up to this encampment.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. I think as far as the Confederate comrades are concerned that we should be in harmony with them, and when we meet them why show them that we are in harmony with them.

Miss GILLIS. You are not fighting the Civil War any more, are you?

Commander in Chief PENLAND. No; we are not fighting the Civil War any more. That is gone. That is over.

Miss GILLIS. That is what we wanted to put across, that the Grand Army of the Republic finished that Civil War. As your Comrade Rownd said to me one day, "When Lee surrendered to Grant the Civil War was ended as far as I was concerned." That was something that Comrade Rownd and I talked about last year.

And while I am speaking of Comrade Rownd, I know how much Comrade Rownd and Comrade Grate would have loved to attend this last encampment. Comrade Rownd sent a message last year, but I was not allowed to read it, through some mistake. But he sent his love and best wishes to all his comrades, and I am going to record that on our minutes now. Right up to the time that Comrade Rownd passed away he was still thinking of the Grand Army of the Republic and what should be done to close this organization in a legal and

dignified manner. I saw him 3 weeks before he passed away, and while he was very weak and tired he did talk about the Grand Army to me at that time. He wanted to be sure that everything was handled properly, so that when the time came that the last man was gone you would all know that your wishes had been fulfilled and that the dreams of the years gone by had been accomplished. You have done today what he wanted done.

I have a great many letters and telegrams from the State of California with best wishes to Comrade Chappel. They would have liked to have seen him elected commander, but there was no election to be held. Commander Chappel is the senior vice commander in chief, and he will be just as long as there is an organization.

As I said before, should any man be taken from this organization who has an office, the next man automatically advances.

I think this will conclude the meeting of this session, and I would like to ask you to sit here for just 1 minute.

Comrade HARD. I make a motion that we adjourn.

Miss GILLIS. Comrade Hard has made the motion that we adjourn this business session of the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Remember now, you are always members of the Grand Army of the Republic just as long as you live. If Comrade Chappel is able to hold his post meetings he will continue to do so just as long as he can go to them. Comrade Chappel is the only man now in the United States that is holding a post meeting. He does this with the assistance of the sons and the ladies in California, who fill the offices for him, and he goes every month and has his business meeting just as regularly as can be.

Comrade Grate up to the time of his death still held his post meetings.

The motion has been made that we adjourn this business session. Will someone second that motion? Comrade Clovese has seconded the motion that we adjourn. All in favor say "aye." Contrary? It is carried.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. The motion is carried and the final business session is closed.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS
AND OF COMMITTEES**



JOHN H. GRATE
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

To the Adjutant and Quartermaster General:

Because of the death of the senior vice commander in chief, John H. Grate, of Atwater, Ohio, on June 7, the following is a résumé of his work up to that time, supplied by the secretary.

Following his return from the national encampment in Grand Rapids, he was entertained in many places by the members of the allied organizations. He attended the reception given to Mrs. Mary Bennett, of Canton, Ohio, department president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in October, and on November 11 was guest of honor at a dinner given by the Country Club of Alliance, Ohio, and in the evening attended a supper at Ravenna given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He held his post meetings regularly, the last one being held early in May, shortly before he was taken ill. For the first time he was unable to participate in Memorial Day services but the Drum Corps of Alliance went to his home to play for him on that day. Shortly after that he was taken ill and on June 7 slipped away quietly in his sleep. He was escorted to his last resting place by the boys he loved so well, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Alliance, Ohio.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Shortly after the national encampment of 1948 the junior vice commander in chief, William H. Osborn, suffered an accident and was so badly burned that he passed away on October 28, 1948. He served in Company B, One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Infantry during the Civil War.

On the passing of Comrade Osborn the office was filled by Comrade Robert M. Rownd, of Ripley, N. Y. Comrade Rownd was ill at the time but was able to keep in touch with the organization through the secretary. On May 17 he passed to his reward and the office was once more vacant. Comrade Charles L. Chappel, of California, succeeded to the office, but 3 weeks later on the death of the senior vice commander in chief he was advanced to that office. Comrade Chappel conducts his post meeting once a month but was unable to attend his department encampment because of ill health. He is also acting as national patriotic instructor.



JOHN S. DUMSER
ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

REPORT OF ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

OAKLAND, CALIF., *July 30, 1949.*

To Commander in Chief THEODORE A. PENLAND:

Having been appointed to this office to fill out the unexpired term of our beloved Adjutant and Quartermaster General Adams, I am pleased to make the following report of the condition of our organization.

My health has not permitted me to be as active as I would have liked, but I have attended meetings wherever possible. The Auxiliary and Allied Organizations have been very fine to me and given me every honor due me.

The past year has taken many of our more active members and up to this time we have lost four national officers, two of whom were past commanders in chief. Many more have answered the last roll call during the year. Death has closed the Departments of Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, and reduced our membership to 17.

The following is a summary of the gains and losses during the year ending December 31, 1948:

	Members	Posts
In good standing on Dec. 31, 1947-----	42	15
Gained, member at large-----	2	-----
Total-----	44	15
Loss by death-----	18	-----
Transferred to members at large-----	2	-----
	20	-----
Total in good standing Dec. 31, 1948-----	24	15

Since the first of the year, eight of our members have passed on to their reward and we have gained by reinstatement one member at large.

May I express my thanks for the honor conferred on me by this appointment, and also deep appreciation to our secretary and the secretary of the Department of Indiana, Mrs. Irene Compton, for her splendid care of our books.

To my comrades, my best wishes for health and may we all meet again when the Great Commander calls us home.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

Consolidated reports of posts and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses during the year ending Dec. 31, 1948

Departments	Dec. 31, 1947		Dec. 31, 1948		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Mem- bers	Posts	Mem- bers	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
California and Nevada	4	6	3	5		1		1
Colorado and Wyoming	1	1	1	1				
Connecticut	1	1	1	1				
Illinois	2	4	1	2		1		2
Indiana	2	3	2	2				1
Iowa	0	2	0	1				1
Kansas	0	2						2
Kentucky	0	2	0	1				1
Michigan	1	1	0	0		1		1
Missouri	0	2	0	1				1
Nebraska	1	1	0	0		1		1
New York ¹	2	2	0	0		2		2
Ohio	1	2	1	1				1
Oklahoma	0	3	0	1				2
Oregon	0	1	0	1				
Washington and Alaska	0	2	0	1				1
Wisconsin	0	1	0	1				
Total	15	36	9	19		6		17
Members at large				5				

¹ Transferred to members at large.

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

OAKLAND, CALIF., *July 30, 1949.*

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Commander in Chief, Portland, Oreg.

My DEAR COMMANDER: I submit herewith my report as quartermaster for the period ending July 31, 1949. Supplemental report later will show the figures to the close of the year as there will be many items in connection with the encampment to be handled later on.

Through the generosity of our auxiliary and allied organizations we have been able to care for items of expense and still have a substantial sum left in the bank. Since the end of the organization is not too far off I hope that we can carry on without too much assistance this year. Our organizations have been generous through the years and we appreciate their assistance, for without them we could not have carried on so long.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the eighty-third encampment and it is a great disappointment to me, since I was elected commander in chief in Indianapolis in 1942 and have many pleasant memories of our visits there.

May I at this time thank Mrs. Irene Compton, Department Secretary of Indiana, for her fine work in caring for our books and supplies. Her work is doubly appreciated since we are unable to handle this work for ourselves. Best wishes to you, Mrs. Compton.

To you, Commander, I wish to extend my thanks for this appointment this year and wish for you a happy and harmonious encampment.

To my comrades, may God's richest blessings rest upon you and may your days be happy. Until that time when we shall all meet again to answer the final roll call I pray that your lives may be blessed and that you may be free from pain and suffering.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, Aug. 31 to Nov. 1, 1948

Cash balance as reported to Eighty-second National Encampment_____	\$3, 332. 39
To be credited as follows:	
General fund_____	\$3, 094. 56
Southern memorial fund_____	162. 83
Badge fund_____	75. 00
Subsequent receipts:	
James A. Hard, member at large, per capita tax_____	1. 00
Anna Dolan, national president, Daughters of Union	
Veterans, badge fund_____	5. 00

Transcript of books, Aug. 31 to Nov. 1, 1948—Continued

Subsequent receipts—Continued

Katherine L. Joyce, national president, Auxiliary to Sons, badge fund-----	\$5.00	
Department of Maine, badge fund-----	10.00	
Department of Wisconsin, badge fund-----	5.00	
Irene Mangel, national president, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic, badge fund-----	5.00	
Charles Moran, national commander, Sons of Union Veterans, badge fund-----	10.00	
Cora E. Gillis, national secretary, Grand Army of the Republic, badge fund-----	5.00	
Grayce L. Vedetta, national president, Women's Relief Corps, badge fund-----	5.00	
Lida Lucas, department secretary, Ohio, badge fund---	5.00	
Irene Compton, department secretary, Indiana, badge fund-----	5.00	
Woman's Relief Corps:		
General fund-----	1,000.00	
Southern Memorial-----	350.00	
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, general fund-----	1,000.00	
Daughters of Union Veterans:		
General fund-----	1,000.00	
Southern Memorial-----	350.00	
Sons of Union Veterans, general fund-----	500.00	
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, general fund----	500.00	
Woolson (son), phone calls left at Grand Rapids-----	5.08	
		<u>\$4,766.08</u>
Total-----		8,098.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel-----	\$275.00	
Salaries-----	198.26	
Expense-----	377.75	
Jewel badge (cash given instead of badge)-----	135.00	
		<u>986.01</u>
Cash balance-----		7,112.46
To be credited as follows:		
General fund-----	\$6,249.63	
Southern Memorial-----	862.83	
Total-----		<u>7,112.46</u>

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salary	Expense
Sept. 1	43	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Service for September, with tax, \$7.76; toll calls and telegrams, \$6.77			\$14. 53
Sept. 17	44	Smith & Kinne: 300 General Orders, No. 4, and postage on same, \$13.45; 100 rolls of Eighty-second Encampment, \$22; 100 address of commander in chief and reports, \$76.50; 25 meal ticket books for encampment, \$4.25			116. 20
Do	45	Lockwoods: 1 locker trunk			14. 34
Sept. 20	46	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Money contributed for gift for Commander in Chief R. M. Rownd			120. 00
Sept. 26	47	Comries flowers: Sectional harp for memorial service at encampment, \$86; tax, \$2.58			88. 58
Oct. 2	48	Pantlind Hotel Co.: Room and meals for encampment stenographer, lawyer, and assistant; express on trunk; phone calls			99. 48
Oct. 4	49	Collector of internal revenue: Withholding tax on salary of Cora E. Gillis, for July, August, and September		\$56. 40	
Oct. 6	50	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Travel advance to Indianapolis about encampment, \$50; telephone bill for October, \$11.08; balance on gift for Comrade R. M. Rownd, \$15; balance of expenses at Grand Rapids, \$33.54	\$50. 00		11. 08
Oct. 21	51	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Advance travel expense transferring office to Portland, Oreg., \$225; salary for October, \$166.66, less withholding tax, \$24.80—\$141.86	225. 00	141. 86	15. 00
		Total	275. 00	198. 26	33. 54
					512. 75

ACCOUNT CURRENT

Cash received for term ending Nov. 1, 1948:

Balance in all funds as shown in supplemental report
dated Nov. 1, 1948:

General fund	\$6,249.63	
Southern Memorial	862.83	
		<u>\$7,112.46</u>

Subsequent receipts:

Per capita tax	26.00	
General fund	14.92	
Return from Southern Memorial	89.56	
Badge fund	106.00	
		<u>236.48</u>
		<u>7,348.94</u>

CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending July 31, 1949:

Travel	\$563.85	
Salaries	1,574.94	
Expense	812.51	
Southern Memorial	800.00	
		<u>3,751.30</u>

Total in all funds July 31, 1949		<u>3,597.64</u>
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To be credited as follows:

Badge fund	\$106.00	
General fund	3,339.25	
Southern Memorial	152.39	
		<u>3,597.64</u>

Statement of total receipts, sales of supplies per capita tax, Southern Memorial Fund, etc., for term ending July 31, 1949

Departments	Sup- plies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern Memorial	Badge fund
California and Nevada-----		\$5. 00			\$10. 00
Colorado and Wyoming-----		1. 00			
Connecticut-----		1. 00			
Illinois-----		2. 00			
Indiana-----		2. 00			25. 00
Iowa-----		1. 00			
Kentucky-----		2. 00			5. 00
Missouri-----		1. 00			
Ohio-----		1. 00			25. 00
Oklahoma-----		1. 00			
Oregon-----		1. 00			
Washington and Alaska-----		1. 00			
Wisconsin-----		1. 00			
Israel C. Broadsword, member at large-----		1. 00			
Albert Woolson, member at large-----		1. 00			1. 00
Robert M. Rownd, member at large-----		1. 00			
Zola Miller Donahoe, refund from Southern Memorial-----				\$89. 56	
Charles Duckworth, member at large-----		1. 00			
Joseph Clovese, member at large-----		1. 00			
Cora E. Gillis, refund from travel check-----			\$8. 04		5. 00
Bernice Hecht, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans-----					5. 00
Perle L. Fouch, national commander, Sons of Union Veterans-----					5. 00
Eleanor F. Stables, national presi- dent, Woman's Relief Corps-----					5. 00
James A. Sexton, Woman's Relief Corps No. 35, Seattle, Wash-----					5. 00
Dues for Hiram R. Gale-----		1. 00			
Perla J. Smith, department secretary of Nebraska, balance of funds in closed department-----			6. 88		
Lena Barrett, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans-----					10. 00
Grace N. Darling-----					5. 00
Total-----		26. 00	14. 92	89. 56	106. 00

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 31, 1949

Date 1948	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
Nov. 1	1	Smith & Kinne: 500 No. 6¾ envelopes, \$4.50; 500 No. 10 envelopes, \$5.10; 200 voucher checks, \$9.60; imprinting letterheads, \$3.50; General Orders No. 1, \$3.75			\$26.45	
Do----	2	James H. Willett: Expenses to Grand Rapids and return for eighty-second national encampment, mileage and storage on car, \$52.15; meals en route, \$8.50			60.65	
Nov. 22	3	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for month of November, \$166.66; less withholding tax, \$24.80		\$141.86		
Do----	4	Hall's Greenhouse: Spray of yellow and white "mums" for funeral of Junior Vice Commander in Chief Osborn, \$10; tax, 20 cents			10.20	
Nov. 23	5	Gordon L. Elliott: Reporting eighty-second national encampment, \$75; expenses attending encampment, \$56.61; transcript of proceedings, original and one carbon copy, \$74.25; postage on transcript, 81 cents			206.67	
Dec. 8	6	John C. Adams, quartermaster general: For first quarter of 1948-49		25.00		
Dec. 14	7	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for December, \$166.66, less withholding tax, \$24.80		141.86		
Dec. 15	8	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Telegram and toll call on phone 78-381, Oct. 23, 1948, and Oct. 26, 1948, with tax			2.11	
Do----	9	Typewriter Sales Co.: Overhauling typewriter No. 409396 for secretary, \$22				
Dec. 29	10	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Postage advance			22.00	
Do----- 1949	11	Typewriter Sales Co.: Express charges on L. C. Smith typewriter; Jamestown to Portland, Oreg			10.00	
Jan. 5	12	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Petty-cash advance for office supplies: 1 dozen glossy prints of Commander Penland for publications			6.36	
Jan. 10	13	Collector of internal revenue: Withholding tax on Secretary Cora E. Gillis, for October, November, and December			25.75	
Jan. 11	14	Dempsey, Kimsey & Downs: 300 General Orders No. 2		74.40		
Jan. 12	15	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for January, less withholding tax			51.50	
Jan. 27	16	J. M. Winters & Sons: Bond No. 412132F covering Secretary of Grand Army of the Republic from Feb. 16, 1949, to Feb. 16, 1950		141.86		
					12.50	

Jan. 28	17	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Travel advance from Portland, Oreg., to Washington, D. C., for meals, hotels, etc., and expenses in moving headquarters-----			150. 00	-----
Do.	18	Dempsey, Kimsey & Downs: 100 announcements in change in address-----			4. 65	-----
Jan. 29	19	Northern Pacific R. R. Co.: Transportation, Portland, Oreg., to Wash- ington, D. C., by way of Indianapolis, for national secretary-----				-----
Feb. 15	20	Doyle Printing Service: 500 6¾ envelopes--invoice No. 13285-----	\$156. 78		10. 50	-----
Do.	21	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for February, less withholding tax, \$141.86-----		141. 86		-----
Feb. 17	22	Smith Typewriter Exchange: Unboxing and bolting machine to desk, and adjusting-----			4. 00	-----
Mar. 3	23	Doyle Printing Co.: 500 business cards, \$6.50; 500 No. 10 envelopes, \$10.50-----			17. 00	-----
Mar. 17	24	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for March, less withholding tax, \$141.86-----		141. 86		-----
Mar. 21	25	Dow Greenhouse & Floral Co.: Basket of flowers for funeral of Adjutant and Quartermaster General John C. Adams, \$10; telephone charges, 45 cents-----			10. 45	-----
Mar. 22	26	Irene Compton: For keeping books of quartermaster general, second quarter-----		25. 00		-----
Mar. 28	27	Lima Daily News: Glossy print of John R. Bennett of Waynesfield, Ohio, \$3-----			3. 00	-----
Apr. 5	28a	Collector of internal revenue: Withholding tax on salary of Cora E. Gillis, secretary for January, February, and March, 1949-----		74. 40		-----
Apr. 11	28b	Stewart & Steen: 2,000 letterheads, lithographed, \$30; 2,000 sheets plain paper to match, 8½" x 11", \$9; parcel post, 89 cents-----			39. 89	-----
Apr. 13	29	Theodore A. Penland, commander in chief: Travel advance to Califor- nia encampment, \$150-----	150. 00			-----
Apr. 14	30	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for April, less withholding tax, \$141.86; petty-cash advance for postage and office supplies, \$15-----		141. 86	15. 00	-----
Apr. 21	31	Grayce L. Vedetta: For flowers for funeral of national president of Woman's Relief Corps, Jeannie Sanders, \$10-----			10. 00	-----
Apr. 22	32	Zola Miller Donahoe: For Memorial Day in the South-----				\$800. 00
May 3	33	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Travel expense to attend funeral of national president of Woman's Relief Corps, hotel and meals en route- Pierce Printing Co.: 400 General Orders No. 3, \$28; imprinting letter- heads, \$4.75; postage on general orders, \$1.45-----	20. 92			-----
May 6	34	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for May, less withholding tax, \$141.86; petty cash advance for postage and office supplies, \$10-----		141. 86	10. 00	-----
May 13	35					-----

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 31, 1949—Continued

Date 1948	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
May 17	36	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Travel advance to Ripley for funeral of Past Commander Robert M. Rownd, \$50	\$50. 00			
May 23	37	Greene's Flower Shoppe: Spray of yellow roses for funeral of Past Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd			\$10. 00	
May 24	38	Hester Cook: Travel advance for Commander Penland to conventions at Bremerton, Walla Walla, and Eugene, including hotel bills	75. 00			
June 3	39	Pierce Printing Co.: 500 small envelopes, 500 large envelopes, \$9.85; imprinting 500 letterheads, \$4.75			14. 60	
Do---	40	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Refund on petty cash for postage and supplies to June 1, \$10.04; travel advance to Indianapolis and to Indiana convention at Marion	75. 00		10. 04	
June 13	41	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary first half of June, \$83.33; less withholding tax, \$12.40		\$70. 93		
June 14	42	Irene Compton: For keeping books of quartermaster general for third quarter		25. 00		
June 15	43	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Balance of expenses to Indianapolis and also attending funeral of Senior Vice Commander in Chief John H. Grate	36. 15			
June 17	44	Millers' Flowerland, Inc.: Flowers for funeral of John H. Grate, senior vice commander in chief, \$10; Ohio tax, 30 cents			10. 30	
June 27	45	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for last half of June, less withholding tax, \$70.93; postage advance and petty cash, \$10		70. 93	10. 00	
July 8	46	Collector of internal revenue: Withholding tax on salary of Cora E. Gillis, April, May, and June, 1949		74. 40		
July 15	47	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for July, less withholding tax, \$141.86; telegrams and office supplies, \$4.69; postage advance for general orders, etc. \$10		141. 86	14. 69	
		Total	563. 85	1, 574. 94	812. 51	800. 00

Inventory of supplies in quartermaster general's office, July 31, 1949

Rules and regulations-----	29
Amendments to rules and regulations-----	24
Rituals-----	27
Officers' cards:	
Senior vice commander-----	12
Junior vice commander-----	12
Chaplain -----	12
Ode cards-----	139
Service books -----	150
Applications for membership-----	15
Leave of absence-----	12
Transfers: Certificates, 12; cards, 12-----	24
Discharge cards-----	12
Charters: Department, 10; post, 10-----	20
Descriptive books-----	6
Blue books: 1895, 2; 1896, 1; 1902, 5-----	8
Comrade-at-large certificates-----	12
Electrotypes, 1 large eagle-----	1
Lapel buttons-----	700
Badges -----	341
Rank straps-----	529
Form 1, requisition for supplies-----	5
Form B-----	15
Report of post chaplain-----	10
Report of department chaplain-----	15
Report of post patriotic instructor-----	12
Post secretary badges-----	144
Assistant inspector reports-----	12
Department inspector reports-----	12
Aide-de-camp certificates-----	6
Aide badges, new-----	10
Members' badges, new-----	6
Department secretary badges-----	4

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

LONG BEACH, CALIF., *July 28, 1949.*

JOHN S. DUMSER,
*Adjutant and Quartermaster General,
Oakland, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: In accordance with the usual custom I am here-with submitting my report for the year.

Since our patriotic work is carried on so capably by our auxiliary and allied organizations, there is little left for us to do any more. As the commander of Stanton Post, No. 55, of Los Angeles, I conduct my post meetings regularly, with the help of some of our good members in the allied organizations. On Memorial Day I participated in the services at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, have attended many of the meetings of the Elks and recently received a life membership card from the Army and Navy Union, also a beautiful badge. I attend the meetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Long Beach, also many of the meetings of the other affiliated organizations.

Through the death of our junior vice commander in chief and our senior vice commander in chief I was advanced to the office of senior vice commander in chief, and the badge of office was presented to me by our department secretary, Mrs. Lillian Gardner. I appreciate the honor coming to me with this office, but regret that the death of our beloved comrades made this change necessary. I will endeavor to fill both of these offices to the best of my ability.

It is my intention to attend the national encampment in Indianapolis, provided my health is such that I can make the trip.

I appreciate the honor of serving as the national patriotic instructor and wish to thank our commander in chief for this appointment.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

CHARLES L. CHAPPEL,
National Patriotic Instructor.



CHARLES L. CHAPPEL

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR AND SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



ALBERT WOOLSON
NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

DULUTH, MINN., *July 30, 1949.*

JOHN S. DUMSER,
*Adjutant and Quartermaster General,
Oakland, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: In accordance with the usual custom, I wish to submit my report for the year.

The work of the chief of staff is very light but I expect to be on hand to officiate at the national encampment in Indianapolis.

I have attended many meetings of the Auxiliary and affiliated organizations, have received and answered many letters. At the time of Memorial Day I visited many schools and was the guest of a local broadcasting company on June 21 at a luncheon in Hotel Duluth.

Our secretary has written the customary letters for me regarding the badge for the commander in chief and I hope the response will be generous.

I appreciate the honor of serving as chief of staff, and wish to thank our commander in chief for this appointment.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ALBERT WOOLSON,
National Chief of Staff.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 30, 1949.*

JOHN S. DUMSER,
*Adjutant and Quartermaster General,
Oakland, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE DUMSER: My work as secretary this year has been interesting, but very sad, with the passing of so many of our old and dear friends. After the 1948 encampment I returned to my home in Jamestown, N. Y., to prepare for a trip to Oregon, since the commander in chief desired to have the office in his home city of Portland, Oreg. I arrived there on November 12 and opened the office in the Multnomah County Courthouse, in a room once occupied by the Oregon Department as their headquarters. In the adjoining rooms the various affiliated organizations held their meetings and it was my privilege to attend several luncheons, in company with the commander in chief. I attended the reception given the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, was a guest of honor at the meeting of Betsy Ross Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the night of my arrival in Portland, was the speaker at the annual banquet of the past department presidents of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and on January 23 attended the birthday party of our commander in chief.

In January the commander decided to move to California to be with his family, so I once more packed the office supplies and moved the headquarters office to the building owned and occupied by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Washington, D. C. As you know, the incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic requires that an office be maintained in Washington, D. C., and through generosity of the Daughters a room in their building was accepted in 1935 as our legal address. This office has proved very satisfactory as it has enabled me to keep in close touch with the various bills that were pending here, and also to secure records for many prospective members in our affiliated organizations.

On my way to Washington I spent several days in Indianapolis making plans for the eighty-third encampment and on my arrival here I at once contacted Congressman Andrew Jacobs, of Indianapolis, about a bill to allow the United States Marine Band to attend the encampment. This bill was passed and signed March 24, 1949.

Next came our bill for the commemorative stamp, which was introduced by Congressman Thomas Martin, of Iowa, at the request of Mr. Fred Spielman, of Fairfield, Iowa. I had several interviews with Congressmen on this and wrote many letters, and through the hard work of all our affiliated organizations and several Congressmen the Postmaster General decided to issue this stamp to go on sale at



CORA E. GILLIS
NATIONAL SECRETARY

Indianapolis on August 29, with an appropriate program at Monument Circle.

I have written several letters on the Grand Army Highway project and it is gratifying to know that all States crossed by this Highway No. 6 have passed legislation with the exception of the State of Nevada. It is hoped that Nevada will do likewise at their next session of their legislature. Thanks are due the Sons and to J. Clark Mansfield, in particular, for their untiring efforts to complete this highway renaming from coast to coast.

In April I attended the funeral services of the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps at Bound Brook, N. J., going from there to New York State to see my brothers for the first time in months, and also to visit with our Past Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd. Comrade Rownd, while confined to his bed for nearly a year, was still very much interested in Grand Army affairs and gave me much good advice. Three weeks later I was called back again to attend his funeral, and on June 7, while attending the convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in West Virginia I was called to Ohio to attend the funeral of Past Commander John H. Grate. I then returned to Indianapolis to meet the chairman of the local committee for encampment and made further plans with him.

I assisted in Memorial Day services here in the District, placing wreaths for the Grand Army of the Republic at five different ceremonies. After 1 day of this work I realize how much the Grand Army of the Republic owes to Miss Grace Hurd, national treasurer of the Daughters, for the many years she has so ably taken care of this work for them.

I have written hundreds of letters during the past year in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic and have endeavored to help at all times to keep their name before the public in a dignified manner. The months spent in Oregon were very pleasant and I have enjoyed my stay in Washington and at this time wish to thank the board of directors for allowing me to move the office here. The office equipment in this Grand Army room was donated many years ago by Frank Shellhouse, past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the use of the Grand Army of the Republic, should they wish to move their office here at any time.

I have prepared four general orders this year, and also the copy for the National Journal of the eighty-second encampment, which journal was published and mailed out in March of this year. Finding the cost of printing in Washington very high, I have had the printing done in my home city, thus saving quite a bit on the same. I have endeavored to keep expenses as low as possible and the report of the quartermaster will show a balance this year much larger than for some time.

As the time approaches for the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is with a feeling of regret that this report is written, but with also a feeling of gratitude that I have been permitted to carry on this work which was so ably handled for so many years by Katharine Flood, since it was her desire that I do so. I have endeavored to keep the trust which she handed over to me in 1945. The years as your secretary have been happy ones and it is a privilege and honor to have served you. My humble thanks for so great an honor.

In fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

CORA E. GILLIS, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON SOUTHERN MEMORIAL

MONTICELLO, ILL., *June 10, 1949.*

Once more I submit to you my report of the Memorial Day in the South observance, the financial statement having been forwarded sometime ago, with the check for the return of the unused balance, \$89.56.

As always, the work has been a most satisfying one from a personal standpoint and I can only thank you once more for granting me the privilege of being of some small assistance to the Grand Army.

This year's work was but a repetition of that of the last few years. Wherever a number of cemeteries were close, we have asked different individuals to act as our agents. The cemeteries in and around Washington were cared for by the secretary of the Grand Army, Miss Gillis, and Miss Grace Hurd, national treasurer of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; those in Kentucky were in charge of Mrs. Mary J. Love, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. The Logan Monument was cared for by Mr. James Blackman, secretary of the Illinois Department, Grand Army of the Republic, while the Lincoln Monument in London and the cemetery in Mexico City were cared for by the embassies of the United States in each city.

In all cemeteries, in cities having florists belonging to the Telegraph Association, wreaths of fresh flowers were ordered while to all others wreaths of magnolia leaves with a huge bow of red, white, and blue ribbon were sent. In all cases the letters from the commandants signify that the Grand Army wreaths were given the place of honor at each cemetery, many letters saying that the Grand Army wreath was the only one received.

Again may I thank you for the privilege of this small service.

ZOLA MILLER DONAHOE.

**UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS—
MEMORIAL SERVICES,
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP PROGRAM,
SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING,
CAMPFIRE AND PARADE**

**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES IN THE INDIANA BALL-
ROOM, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
AUGUST 28, 1949, 2:30 P. M.**

Hon. John A. Watkins, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, presiding.
(Music, United States Marine Band, Maj. William F. Santelmann,
United States Marine Corps, leader.)

Chairman WATKINS. By way of introduction, I am John A. Watkins, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana and the presiding officer. I consider this one of the great honors that I have had in my life to be able to preside over the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wanted to speak these few words in introduction. During this ceremony, a memorial service, we would appreciate it if there were no applause.

At this time we will have the presentation of the colors by the American Legion and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Will you please remain standing.

(Colors presented.)

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman WATKINS. We will now have the invocation by the Reverend Albert V. Deery, pastor of St. Augustine's Church.

Father DEERY. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Eternal God, be with us as we inaugurate the memorial service of this historical national encampment. Give rest eternal to those who have answered taps and are in bivouac forever with the Divine Commander in Chief. May their patriotic lives inspire us to always walk in their hallowed footsteps. Bless abundantly the Grand Army, the Sons and Daughters, and allied organizations who have sublimely carried on, as we now meet in the city of the first and last encampment. May God be with you forever. Amen.

(Two numbers were then presented by St. Cecelia Choir under the direction of Edward Krieger.)

Chairman WATKINS. I think I express the feelings of all those present when I say that the music was beautiful; that it was enjoyed by all.

In this particular encampment it is most fitting that there be a tribute or tributes to the officers of this organization, and it is most fitting, too, that these tributes be given by those who are most closely associated with the organization and its affiliated organizations. The first tribute to the deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic was to have been given by Eldon Geyer, grandson of the commander in chief, Theodore A. Penland. It is very regretful today that he was detained because of the weather and did not arrive for this meeting. This part will be taken by the national secretary, Miss Cora E. Gillis, who will give a tribute to national officers Robert M. Rownd, John H. Grate, John C. Adams, and William H. Osborne. Miss Gillis.

Miss GILLIS. It is with deep apology that I come before you to pay this tribute to the national officers of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is regretted that Mr. Geyer could not be here, as I know that he had prepared a very beautiful tribute, but in my humble way I would like to say in memory of our departed officers these few words.

In October we felt very sorry to learn of the passing of our junior vice commander in chief, William H. Osborn, of Joplin, Mo.

In February, John C. Adams, of Jonesboro, Ind., our adjutant and quartermaster general, passed away after a brief illness.

In May our beloved past commander in chief and acting junior vice commander in chief, Robert M. Rownd, of Ripley, N. Y., was taken from this world.

Then, 3 weeks later, in June, our beloved past commander and acting senior vice commander in chief, John H. Grate, of Atwater, Ohio, went to his eternal reward.

These four men have played an important part in the Grand Army of the Republic for many, many years. All four had very fine service records, and when these four men passed away this year I personally felt that we had just about reached the limit of the men of the old guard who had so long defended the Grand Army and upheld its principles.

I am glad that I could pay this tribute to these beloved men today. You who knew these four men knew that they were all four fine Christian men, that their hearts were in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and they were all following carefully the present procedure of world conditions and were very much interested in them.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic and we in the Auxiliary and affiliated organizations have lost true and loyal friends. Their places can never be filled, but may we as allied organizations follow in their footsteps to carry out the principles which they would have us carry out and perform their duties as far as possible as long as we live.

At this time our commander in chief will place a floral tribute for these four national officers who have passed away.

(At the right of the platform was an 8-foot arch of white and yellow gladiolus, in the center of which was a pedestal on which was an open book made of white flowers and with the letters GAR. On this book the commander in chief placed a small bouquet of red roses in memory of his four national officers who had passed away this year. The flowers were the gift of Kiwanis Club, through courtesy of Claypool Florist, Inc.)

Chairman WATKINS. The next tribute will be given by Mrs. Eleanor Stables, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. STABLES. Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, distinguished guests, the history of this wonderful organization reaches back to the days when Mr. Lincoln was journeying to Gettysburg to make a speech and our country was torn by conflict.

The year was 1865. In Washington sunshine filtered down through the branches of the trees and along the sidewalks people stood crushed between the curbs and the buildings. They waved flags and shouted at the proud ranks of soldiers who filed down the streets.

There was a dignity in the parade of our Grand Army, a dignity born of victory. This spirit spread to the milling mass of people. There was relief too, now that the great struggle was over.

But, because people are only human beings and sometimes have short memories, they shrug their shoulders just a few years hence. Somehow, it seemed wrong. One man was determined to keep alive the loyalty and gallantry inspired by the war, and he set aside Memorial Day for the Grand Army in honor of their fallen ones. His name was Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Of course there were other organizations that caught the spirit and, as the years have passed, soldiers of all wars have joined the ranks of the original Civil War veterans.

The National Woman's Relief Corps is their Auxiliary and joins the Grand Army in remembering and paying tribute to devoted service and sacrifice. We admire and esteem our Grand Army comrades of the Republic who preserved a country and gave us a flag unsullied, because the glory of their achievements shines forth from every star and is written by the finger of heroism upon every stripe of our Nation's flag.

Let us aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldiers, sailors, widows and orphans of all wars.

Lincoln, at Gettysburg, said: "It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated to the unfinished work. * * *" In the chaotic financial struggle the plight of the widows and orphans was ignored. It was then the Woman's Relief Corps was organized. They volunteered to help those people who could not help themselves.

They did not stop at this, however. They carried out a program. They carried out a program to keep the spirit of patriotism ever vivid in the people's mind. In the schools they worked to remind boys and girls that love of country should be foremost in their mind, that their forefathers had fought for ideals that were very real and precious to them—ideals that must be so much a part of our living today as they were then.

So the National Woman's Relief Corps has throughout the years been marching along in the spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic. So in peacetime our organizations work together, remembering the brave and the strong who carried the banner of Americanism during all our wars.

We, the National Woman's Relief Corps, pay loving tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic.

They are not dead, only promoted,
They have entered the order above,
And there, 'neath the smiles of the Master,
They will finish their labor of love.

Chairman WATKINS. The next tribute will be given by Mrs. Edna M. Ray, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. RAY (quoting) :

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps.

Ever the shadows of the past grow deeper. Ever do the sounds from the past echo more softly. Yet though the shadows deepen and the sounds echo more softly, they do not, they must not, they shall not end.

Around the campfires of the post was kindled the spirit of loyalty to God and country and true brotherhood to all men that our comrades here present and those who have gone before have so ably kept bright.

And now that the hands of our comrades are so few, it is for us, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the allied orders and all here present to renew our pledges of continual remembrance, that the campfires of the past, the ideals which were theirs, shall continue to burn—that the Glory Hallelujah shall still ring out, and the shadows and sounds of the post shall be passed from generation to generation in all their glory.

The mantle of the Grand Army of the Republic falls upon us, the allied orders, and though we are by far too small in stature to fill it let us all wear it proudly—yet with deep humility—knowing full well that we can never equal in our deeds its greatness, yet pledging our all in preserving its spirit and its traditions.

There will be a great encampment
In the land of clouds today;
A mingling and a marching
Of the men in Blue and Gray.

Though on earth they're disbanding,
Their very close is near;
For the brave and honored soldiers,
Shed no sorrows, shed no tear.

They have lived a life of glory;
History will not pass them by;
Listen to the thunder rolling—
They are marching in the sky!

Chairman WATKINS. Mrs. Bernice Hecht, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65, will now give a tribute.

Mrs. HECHT. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War pay a loving tribute of "immortelle" to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have answered the last roll call and have entered the gates of heaven.

No marble shaft that may tower over the spot where these comrades sleep can compare with the monument these sires of ours built for themselves in the great service to their country and flag in times of peace as in war. That monument is more glorious than marble or granite and shall live in history and in the hearts of all future Americans, as it has in the past 83 years.

We, your daughters, solemnly repledge ourselves to the fond task of perpetuating your memory. It is painful to reflect that ere long the Grand Army of the Republic will be only a memory, but that memory will never die. It shall be our sacred duty to keep alive the deeds of these brave men who wore the blue. Their usefulness and beneficence, as well as their missions of charity and loyalty, will not cease when the last comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic "folds his tent and silently steals away" to that home from which there is no returning.

Your daughters will carry on this mission forever. Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching to a grand reunion in the beautiful city.

There on the beautiful shore
Comrades are forming to welcome,
Comrades who have gone on before.

Chairman WATKINS. The tribute for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be given by the commander in chief, Perle L. Fouch.

Mr. FOUCH. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, officers of the allied orders, fellow Americans, the Union soldiers of 1861 to 1865 formed one of the greatest armies that ever the sun shone on. Let us remember their heroic acts, their winning of battles, their devotion to country and flag, their sufferings and sacrifices. Go over the history of the troops engaged in actual battle and realize the vast outlay of human life alone. The records of three hundred fighting regiments show that of their numbers one of every three was either killed or wounded.

They stood at Antietam, they faced the heights of Donelson and Fredericksburg, stood fast amid the cedars of Stone River, met the fearful shock at Shiloh, became granite columns with the rocks at Chickamauga, formed a living wall against treason's mightiest power at Gettysburg, moved unfaltering into the slaughter pen of Cold Harbor, and climbed up rocky precipice and mountainside to portals of glory on Lookout, Kenesaw, and Mission Ridge.

Can we comprehend the loss of human life, even that comprehension will be but a dim picture of the reality unless our imagination be vivid enough to fill all its lines and spaces with privation and suffering, unless we can call up the summer's tempest and the winter's sleet, unless we can behold those ranks bearing their burdens under the heat of the tropic sun; behold them fording streams and battling alike with the enemy, ice and swift flowing currents, marching day after day through swamps, standing on the lonely picket post until too wearied to be even wakeful; unless we can behold gaunt starvation making hollow the cheek and dimming the light of the eye; unless we can see the long line of trenches for shroudless bodies and hear the pitiful cry for water and prayer for succor, I believe our imagination will come far short of the reality.

It was privation, wounds and death there, it was suspense, loneliness and suffering here. The roar of cannon and the crash of musketry on the plains and forests of the Southland were echoed by the cries of the orphan and the wail of the widow amid the vales and hills of the Northland; the blare of the trumpet and the bugle sounding the charge yonder became the cry of lamentation and the funeral dirge here.

The outlay was not alone shattered limbs and wasted forms, but desolate hopes, ruined homes and broken hearts; not alone the piled dead yonder, but the sacrifice and sorrow worse than death itself here. In the shadow of 500,000 graves, in the very daily presence of those that returned diseased and broken down, with Libby still vocal with the echo of suffering, with the memory of Belle Isle, Salisbury, Millen, and Andersonville lighted as though with the lurid fires of hell, standing under the clouds of grief that darkened half a million homes, we proclaim a roll of honor for the Grand Army of the Republic.

That roll was made and completed in the days of old; it was written in the red blood from human hearts, its letters more bright and more precious than were they writ in purest gold and were they ineffaceably burned on the pages of history by the scorching breath of rifles and the hissing flames from batteries' mouths.

Therefore we Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War gather at this memorial in sacred memory of our fathers and their sacrifices.

Chairman WATKINS. The final tribute will be given by Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

Mrs. BARRETT. The others have given you a history of the Grand Army of the Republic and a memorial. Mine is just a little bit different. Mine is a greeting.

Greetings to you comrades who are present today and a fervent wish that more could have made the trip for the encampment, the eighty-third.

As national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and a daughter of one of your comrades in arms, 1861-65, I want to wish for you a very happy encampment in Indianapolis.

You are few in number but your works as an organization stand out as the most prominent in our history since the Revolutionary period.

The comrades have creditably filled all offices of Government work they have been granted. They have performed all civic duties and have been home builders.

Your principles of government have been to carry on those laid down to us by those in authority in previous years.

We have not outgrown the letter of the law you gave to us. We will follow and not only recall, but remember, the teachings that you have given to us.

May you have health while here and on your way home, and may the Great Commander in Chief above keep for the generations to come the principles for which you made a voluntary sacrifice of your lives, be granted, and we remain the glorious Republic you fought to maintain.

May we never lose a plot of ground once dedicated to these loyal men who once tramped across those fields to preserve our Union. Those were the boys in blue, now our comrades of Civil War days.

You have been our guiding light in our years as well as in the duties you gave us to perform. We still hear that Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching and Tenting on the Old Camp Ground.

We won't forget those "little green tents" on Memorial Day, nor all they mean to us or to our Nation. You are our "guiding light," the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chairman WATKINS. Sometimes we take things too much for granted. I don't believe that the GAR has ever been taken for granted, because it has been a leading and an active organization.

We have today an organization sent to us by act of Congress, the United States Marine Corps Band—the famous United States Marine Corps Band. I just wanted to mention that because sometimes we do not realize and appreciate the good things we have. So at this time we will have another number by the United States Marine Band.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman WATKINS. Today we are honored by a very distinguished citizen, a man who comes from Washington, D. C., to bring greetings of his particular department. He has the responsibility of the veterans of all wars and of their maintenance in the hospitals throughout the

land. So it is an extreme honor to have with us Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, Washington, D. C. General Gray.

Major General GRAY. Mr. Commander in Chief, ladies and gentlemen—who are as I imagine, such as I, a grandson—to a large degree I assume this audience is made up of the third generation of these veterans. Somehow or other, as one thinks back over the years of one's life, to the majority of us there has never been a time when the three letters "GAR" were not known to us. I don't remember a time, of course, when Memorial Day has not meant the placing of wreaths on the graves of former and fallen heroes.

America has been a rather unusual sort of country in its development and the magnificent world that we have as our own in our particular way of living and life. Those of us whose peoples came early were soon engaged in strife because others were envious of her opportunities and her way of living and life—the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, not counting those constant engagements that we had with the original inhabitants of these States, the red man, who could not understand why he was being deprived of his home. He was not, but he thought he was.

Men have entered the armed services, and recently women have entered the armed services of the United States, for the purpose of having what we as a whole feel that we have a right and want to have, and after those engagements have been successfully accomplished we become veterans.

All Americans like to be fraternal; they like to meet and reminisce. They like to go over the pleasant as well as the unpleasant things that they have experienced in common, and so organizations have been formed as a result of one or the other type of activities that we may have been engaged in in a specific war that we have fought.

The Veterans' Administration is the agency of the Government created by our will, through your Congressmen and Senators, to administer your desires as to the benefits and care that veterans of wars shall have. Our records show that there are 26 of these Civil War veterans alive. The last widow of the War of 1812 passed on within the last 3 years. Before World War II we had 6,600,000 veterans, and today we show 18,860,000.

You citizens of the United States did not cause to be passed the type of law for those veterans of the Civil War that the veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II engaged in. Their number by very nature of age and age alone means that they are, as they have said and declared, coming to their last encampment here while they can.

When one conjures and thinks out of the number engaged and the members of this organization and the times from 1861 to 1865 and realizes that they were young men that went into that service, as they were young men that went into World War II, we cannot help but understand that the most of those who have fought to preserve our way of life against aggression and against interference are a continuing part, and a large part, of our population, and rightfully and properly it is so.

And so on behalf of, may I say, the world's greatest stepfather—no one else has 18,860,000 children but me; no one has as many wards

or orphans in their care as has the Veterans' Administration; no one has tried to be a proper parent and to administer their affairs as a parent would than we in ours. So on behalf of that organization which you have caused to be set up to administer the affairs of veterans of all wars, it is, in my opinion, entirely proper and justifiable that I should be here today and say to you that for your sons and grandsons and great-grandsons and great-great-grandsons it is my definite conviction that the peoples of the United States shall carry on and cause their Congress to pass laws which will continue the care of the men and women who, like you have had, will have many years left, who fought to preserve the thing which you have forever guarded, which you fought to sustain and which their posterity will continue and see to it that it is the place that we want it to be, the most wonderful place this side of heaven to reside.

So, Mr. Commander in Chief, members of your organization, veterans of the Civil War, the officers and members of your allied and affiliated associations, the veterans of all wars, through me, bring you greetings and say with full and complete conviction of our soldiers, "Well done." Thank you.

Chairman WATKINS. Thank you, General Gray. I am sure that I express the appreciation and thanks of all the people here for your presence at this meeting.

Now we will have the memorial address to the Grand Army of the Republic, by Rev. Howard J. Baumgartel, secretary of the Church Federation of Indianapolis.

Reverend Mr. BAUMGARTEL. Mr. Chairman, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the affiliated organizations, and friends, one hardly knows what to say about a subject about which so much has been said and written over the years. I am sure that again and again from platform and pulpit and otherwise proper memorial messages have been given.

It occurred to me while thinking about what I might say in a brief time that life is made up of a number of very interesting things. First of all, we have memory, and memory takes us back over the years, not only to the time when we engaged in conflict, but we also think about the causes that led up to that conflict and struggle.

Then we have imagination, and I am sure that every one of us have by imagination lived over again in some way or other the role of these men, these grand men whom we think about today as the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have memory, we have imagination, but we have something else; we have personal association. No doubt everyone here has at some time or other had the privilege of seeing and hearing and talking with some of these men.

Adding these things up, we have experience. I think that there is something else that we have gathered. We are all better Americans because we have known them, because there is something they have shared with us.

We all can recall in towns and countryside and city Memorial Day programs. These programs had a very vital part in the whole program of Americanism, of uniting the Nation and of stimulating within us the best sentiments and the best ideals.

I happen to be a minister and I never can talk so well as I can talk behind a passage of Scripture. There is a passage of Scripture that

I want to use for just a very brief momentary thought. It is found in the Book of Malachi, the second chapter and the tenth verse: "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?"

That remains one of the profound questions. It is well for us to realize that in this particular period of Hebrew history there had been a wonderful flowering of war and of patriotism. Then there came a decline and it seems as though when the people were at the bottom of things this great prophet uttered these words: "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously one with another?"

We have not completed the history of the United States. We certainly have not made real all of our ideals and all of our convictions. But I believe resident deeply within everything that we are trying to express today we have a very simple statement, that all men are created equal as well as free. All men are created equal as well as free. And if we can forget the battlefields and if we can see everything that has been done in order to make that part of our Constitution and that part of all the amendments we have written real, it seems to me that we have a memorial the richest that has ever been given to any nation to realize.

Now in all of these processes of growth in our American life there have been a number of very fundamental things. We opened this program today with the recognition of Almighty God, and we cannot bring any memorial to any person or for any person unless we do it in the name of God. Deep in our hearts there is this belief in Almighty God and the things that He stands for.

And then we think of Him as the creator of us all. We then cherish a great memory, written deep in the heart of the universe and in the heart of all true religion, and, I believe, in the heart of all true patriotism and of loyalty to government and nation, that all men are brothers and that each man is his brother's keeper.

The Civil War is but an episode in the drama of men to realize this, and so some ideals that have been a part of our life ever since we have been a nation flared up in the recent wars—our new liberties and our new rights, and not only do we dream of them for our people but today we dream of those liberties and freedoms and rights for men of every race and every class and every nation.

I wonder what finer memorial tribute we can pay as we look back over to the living members of the GAR and as we think of the men who have passed beyond, that we pledge our allegiance that for our Nation and for the nations of all the world we will make these dreams and ideals come true. It seems to me that that kind of a conception of life is a realistic conception and that we can all come to the end of our journey and know that when we have died we have not died in vain, but have become a part of the universal will of the Almighty God.

I know of no finer tribute or pledge or memorial that we can give, that in our minds and hearts we dedicate ourselves to carry forward these great ideals and principles.

It was suggested to me that at the close of this address you all stand for a moment in silence and each one of us in some way would have a memorial thought of our own, and after we had stood for a moment there will be a brief prayer. Shall we all stand?

(Audience rises.)

Reverend Mr. BAUMGARTEL. Almighty God, our Father, we thank Thee for the vision that comes to us as we think of Thee. We are grateful for the men and women of yesterday and of today who have stood and sacrificed for these great eternal principles. And we pray that with all these great principles it will somehow work out so that brotherhood and freedom for all people may be realized. Receive our thanks for brave men and women and that our Nation today is a unity and that we are working toward one great brotherhood. And all of this we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Chairman WATKINS. We will now have more music by the St. Cecelia Choir. While they are assembling I want to call your attention to this beautiful floral bouquet, which was the gift of the Kiwanis Club, of Indianapolis, through the courtesy of the Claypool Floral Shop. I also want to make an announcement that the concert of the band tonight will not be held on the Memorial Plaza, as previously scheduled, but will be held at the coliseum at the fair grounds, a very fine place, and there will be no admission. Now the St. Cecelia Choir.

(Music, St. Cecelia Choir.)

Chairman WATKINS. We will have the benediction, and then following that, Taps. Will everybody stand, please? Rev. Albert Deery.

Father DEERY. We thank Thee, Almighty God, for this inspirational memorial service. Bless abundantly those who have participated and those who have attended. As the final curtain falls upon this memorial service for the boys in blue their memory shall live forever. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.)

EXERCISES ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE OF THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP HONORING THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT MONUMENT CIRCLE, INDIANAPOLIS, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1949, 1:50 P. M.

Hon. George J. Ress, postmaster of Indianapolis, presiding.

Chairman RESS. Commander in Chief Penland, your excellency, Governor Schricker, his honor, Mayor Feeney, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, this program is to dedicate the commemorative stamp honoring the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. John Spielman, Long Beach, Calif., gave the idea concerning this commemorative stamp. The GAR stamp was placed on sale for the first time this morning at 7 a. m. at Indianapolis. Tomorrow it will be placed on sale at all post offices throughout the United States. The Indianapolis post office has received, canceled, and dispatched over 350,000 covers from all over the world. It promises to be one of the most popular stamps. Indianapolis appreciates the honor being given the city of first issue.

Maj. William F. Santelmann and the United States Marine Band will now favor us with a number.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman RESS. The invocation, by Dr. R. L. Holland, general secretary, Indiana Council of Churches.

Dr. HOLLAND. Eternal God, as we meet here today on this historic occasion, it is with grateful acknowledgment of Thy sovereign majesty.

We bless Thee for our Nation which we have inherited from those who have contributed through heart and mind and hand to make it the most powerful on earth. We praise Thee for its rich natural endowments and for Thy guidance of its growth.

In gratitude today we acknowledge the services of the Boys in Blue, who fought successfully to keep the Nation indivisible in a time of great danger, thus preserving our national unity for a greater destiny than they could then know.

As we dedicate the issuance of the commemorative stamp honoring the Grand Army of the Republic, grant, we beseech Thee, that its use, as it carries the Nation's mail, shall recall the sacrifices and sufferings of the thousands of men and boys in the Union Army, symbolized by our honored guests in their final encampment.

We earnestly pray that our entire Nation rededicate itself to the proposition for which they fought—that all men are created free and equal—and battle unceasingly until this ideal is attained.

Speed the time when all the nations and peoples of earth shall abide by Thy holy laws, making possible the seraphic vision—peace on earth and good will toward men. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Chairman RESS. Welcome from his Honor, Mayor Al Feeney.

MAYOR FEENEY. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen; it is a privilege I will

never forget, to be permitted to welcome our distinguished GAR guests to this ceremony, at which time a new stamp will be issued to commemorate their deeds.

While those living today need no reminders to make them realize with affectionate gratitude our debt to the gallant Grand Army of the Republic, because we still have some of our heroes with us, the GAR stamp will keep alive the cherished tradition of the Grand Army centuries after those of us here today will have passed on, and I am happy that our own Congressman from Indianapolis, the Honorable Andrew Jacobs, assisted the GAR organizations which instituted the action which makes this stamp the reality it is today.

Welcome to Indianapolis, men of the GAR, and may your deeds which preserved the Union, be kept ever green in the minds of Americans who will always thank Almighty God for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chairman RESS. Thank you, Mayor Feeney. We will now have some of the honored guests step up to the front. Save your applause until we have introduced them all: Henry F. Schricker, Governor of Indiana. Will you please step forward as your names are called? Hon. John R. Walsh, Member of Congress, Fifth District of Indiana; Hon. Winfield K. Denton, Member of Congress, Eighth District of Indiana; Hon. Ralph Harvey, Member of Congress, Tenth District of Indiana; Rev. Howard Baumgartel, secretary, Church Federation; Hon. John A. Watkins, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana.

Next, the people whom we honor today. They will not stand, but they are here with us: Hon. Theodore A. Penland, commander in chief, from Oregon; Hon. James A. Hard, past department commander, from Rochester, N. Y.; Hon. Robert Barrett, of Kentucky; Loren Houser, state director of the CIO.

These are our honored guests. We hope we have not missed any of you. Give them a hand. [Applause.] We would like to include all of these distinguished gentlemen on this program, but out of respect for the old soldiers the program is being cut short.

We will now be favored with a selection by the United States Marine Band.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman RESS. Others that should receive mention at this time are Charles L. Chappel, senior vice commander in chief, from California; Albert Woolson, chief of staff, from Minnesota; and Joseph Clovese, of Michigan. These men are here with us, but just a little tired to mingle in a group like this.

We will now have an address by Hon. Andrew Jacobs, Congressman from the Eleventh District of Indiana.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency Governor Schricker, Honorable Mayor Feeney, Commander Penland, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, we are today presenting this stamp as a manifestation of our gratitude to those old soldiers who defended and preserved the Union of our Republic.

Here on the steps of this great monument, on these grounds enriched by memory and tradition, we humbly acknowledge our debt of gratitude to them.

We offer this stamp as a token to be credited upon a debt which we can never pay.

We are demonstrating our esteem for these few who have tarried behind, but in our hearts we also honor those who have bivouacked beyond the setting sun.

Yet, neither this stamp nor this monument is adequate to the occasion. The real commemorative stamp must be engraved upon the hearts of freemen; men not only determined to be themselves free but who are prepared if necessary to die in order to leave a legacy of freedom to all future generations.

The only adequate monument to the Grand Army of the Republic is a union strong and great; a union that provides justice to all men, regardless of race or creed; justice under law and order.

And I believe that these old soldiers, both those present and those bivouacked beyond, would far rather see justice done to the descendants of those slaves they freed than to receive this commemorative stamp, or to bask in the glory of 10,000 monuments.

Somehow I must need think that the great battle they successfully fought is not completely finished; that we, the people of this later generation, must confirm their victory with deeds rather than words—the deeds of good works emanating from tolerant hearts crystallized into laws that provide for civil rights to all men as commanded by the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to our Constitution, which indeed was the crowning glory of the battle fought by the old soldiers we honor today.

So to the end that they will not have fought a futile fight let us renew our faith in and our efforts to bring reality to their ideals.

Chairman RESS. We will now have the presentation of stamp albums of the new stamp. The presentation will be made by the Honorable Robert E. Fellers, Deputy Assistant Postmaster General.

Mr. FELLERS. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, Governor Schricker, Mayor Feeney, distinguished guests, it is indeed an honor to have this opportunity to represent the Post Office Department at these ceremonies incident to the first-day sale of the 3-cent Grand Army of the Republic commemorative stamp.

The issuance of this United States postage stamp will pay tribute to those gallant sons who made it possible for every citizen of this glorious country of ours to enjoy the privileges of a United States of America. It is indeed gratifying to be able to greet some of these veterans here today, all of whom have passed the century mark. This fine organization, whose cardinal principles are fraternity, charity, and loyalty, gave to the Nation five Presidents, including Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, and William McKinley, as well as many other outstanding public servants, and it was a pleasure for the Postmaster General, the Honorable Jesse M. Donaldson, to approve the issuance of this stamp which will be available, beginning tomorrow, at post offices throughout the Nation.

One of the highest honors that can be accorded by the Post Office Department is the issuance of a special commemorative stamp, and it is only fitting that this stamp in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic should be first placed on sale at Indianapolis, Ind., where the first national encampment was held in 1866 and where the final national encampment is now in session.

This stamp, which is printed in the official color of the Grand Army of the Republic, depicts a young soldier with a vision of a job to be

done and a veteran in later life with an expression of contentment as if to say, "A job well done."

Through the issuance of this stamp we are not only honoring the Boys in Blue but are also paying tribute to the descendants who will carry on the patriotic work started by their fathers. The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique organization in that no child can be born into it, no proclamation of king or czar can command admission, no university or institution of learning can issue a diploma authorizing its holder to entrance, no act of Parliament or Congress secures recognition. Its doors open only on the presentation of a bit of parchment, worn, torn, and begrimed as it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the armies or navies of the Nation during the War of the Rebellion, and unlike any other organization, no new blood can come in. There are no growing ranks from which recruits can be drawn into the Grand Army of the Republic. With the consummation of peace through victory its ranks were closed forever; its lines are steadily growing thinner, and the ceaseless tramp of its columns is with ever-lessening tread.

The Postmaster General asked me to come here and present to Commander in Chief Penland the first sheet of stamps that were run off the presses in Washington. It is quite an honor to present this special album made up, carrying the insignia of your Government and mine, to a grand old veteran [presenting album to Commander in Chief Penland].

Chairman RESS. We will now have a response by the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Ladies and gentlemen, I am truly thankful to the Post Office Department for issuing this stamp in our honor. I am also thankful that we are able to hold our last encampment in the city where we held our first one. Thank you very much for the album.

Chairman RESS. Thank you, Commander in Chief. The National Anthem by the United States Marine Band.

(Star-Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman RESS. The benediction will be pronounced by the Most Reverend Paul C. Schulte, archbishop, Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Archbishop SCHULTE. Almighty and Eternal God, we bow before Thee in humble adoration, praise, and thanksgiving. We adore Thee as our Creator and Thy providence which preserves in existence the works of Thy creative power.

We praise Thee for the glory, power, and majesty which are manifest to us—materially and spiritually.

We offer Thee profound and sincere thanksgiving for the love, care, and providence which Thou hast lavished upon us, as favored citizens of Thy kingdom and children of Thy household.

Deign to look down in mercy and goodness on this ceremony and bless those in whose honor we keep it—the brave men who proudly wear the insignia of the battlefields and our national medals of honor. Keep them safe from harm on their homeward journey to Thee, their Father. Shed peace, light, and heavenly rest upon their departed comrades.

These blessings we beg in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Chairman Ress. The ceremony will be concluded with the next number. It has been suggested in commemoration of the honored dead for which this great monument was erected that the United States Marine Band play Taps.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.)

(The following editorial was taken from the Indianapolis Star, August 30, 1949:)

A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

The early afternoon of August 29, 1949, was cool and windy in Indianapolis. A gentle sun drenched the south steps of the monument, where a tiny group of very old men sat. Perhaps it had been the same kind of rare summer afternoon along the Potomac on August 29, 1861, or along the Rappahannock on August 29, 1862, or in Tennessee on August 29, 1863, or in Alabama on August 29, 1864. Probably none of the old men could have said. Each had lived through more than a century's worth of August 29's and the war was a thing of the long, long ago.

But it was the war which had brought the throng of public officials and citizens into the friendly sunshine of the circle where the centenarians sat with their backs to the monument—their monument. The crowds had gathered to honor the aged men at a ceremonial issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The guests of honor were among the handful of survivors of the GAR, whose members once had fought in the August sunshine along the Potomac and Rappahannock and in Tennessee and Alabama.

There had been other wars since then—much bigger and more terrible wars—but right now everybody standing in the sunshine in the circle was thinking about the Civil War. And then the incomparable United States Marine Band, seated on the steps with the aged men, struck up the throat-catching strains of The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

It was a moment to be remembered on many a later August 29.

**SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING HELD IN THE INDIANA BALL-
ROOM, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1949,
8. P. M.**

Hon. John A. Watkins, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, presiding.
(Music, United States Marine Band. The director, Maj. Wm. F. Santelman, accompanied by the band, led in singing:

Old soldiers never die,
They live forever.
Old soldiers never die,
Let come what may,
Proudly we march along,
Proudly we say:
Old soldiers never die,
They simply fade away.

Chairman WATKINS. The United States Marine Band will now play the Star-Spangled Banner.

(Number played by the band.)

Chairman WATKINS. The invocation will now be given by Rev. A. Glen O'Dell, pastor of the Brookside Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Rev. Mr. O'DELL. Almighty God, the Father of us all, as we invoke Thy divine blessing upon this great meeting tonight, we look into Thy face with grateful hearts indeed for all the memories that such an occasion as this brings to us.

We thank Thee that Thou has preserved us a Nation of freedom-loving folk. We pray that Thy blessing may continue with us. Let us not forget the price that was paid for those liberties that we now have, for the blood spilled for them, and help us, O God, never to forget our own obligation to them as a generation to carry on.

Bless these, O God, down through the years who have counted liberty dearer than life, who freely gave of their lives that we might have it. Incline us all to do Thy blessed will. Keep all of us ready and able, and use us, O God, as Thy chosen people of this day to bring the message of peace to a world prostrated and tottering, which needs more than anything else a new thought of love and the touch of a brother's hand.

May we know what Jesus meant when He said, "My peace give I unto thee." Breathe that peace into all of our waiting hearts tonight. Forgive us our sins and unite us in every endeavor to do Thy will, and at last may Thy blessing rest upon us and save us eternally. Through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Chairman WATKINS. We will now be favored with a selection by the Indianapolis Maennerchor.

(The choir, directed by Clarence F. Elbert, sang three numbers and received hearty applause.)

Chairman WATKINS. You know we have been favored with some beautiful music. Let's show the Maennerchor how much we really do appreciate that music. [Applause.]

We are again favored this evening by the presence of our Chief of State of Indiana. It is a privilege and an honor to present and introduce to an audience of the Grand Army of the Republic the Honorable Henry F. Schricker, Governor of the State of Indiana.

(Happy Birthday to You, United States Marine Band.)

Governor SCHRICKER. Thank you, Mr. Director and members of the Marine Band. I don't know of any better place in the world or any better way to celebrate a birthday than the meeting here tonight.

Chairman Watkins, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, officers and members of the allied organizations, my good friends: I esteem it a happy privilege to be with you again tonight. We had a very pleasant and delightful experience at another meeting last evening, and then I feel that a large percent of this audience came to see us at the statehouse for the reception later in the evening.

I am proud to represent the people of Indiana tonight and proud to be here as their Governor; and, though it may be feeble, I want to raise my voice in deep appreciation of what the Grand Army of the Republic has meant to our great State. Indiana gave more than 210,000 men to the Union Army. They made comparable sacrifices here with the brethren in all of the Northern States.

We have been honored again and again by the encampment in our capital city. The first one, as you know, was held here, and now the last one—a number of others in-between. I have enjoyed a rare distinction I know will never be experienced by any other person in our good State. I happened to be the Governor when you were here back in 1942, and the Governor now in 1949; and so I come with a deep appreciation and personal sense of gratitude to the Grand Army of the Republic. As a boy, I remember them in my own home town; how they led us in our patriotic endeavors, and how their daughters and their wives and their mothers were loyal in supporting the organization there.

I want to say a personal word about your general chairman, Lieutenant Governor Watkins. He is a veteran of two wars and a distinguished soldier of Indiana. We are grateful to him for having accepted the responsibilities of the general chairmanship and giving so much of his time and effort to the encampment. Then we are grateful to many others here in Indiana.

I want to name in particular the young men from the Indiana National Guard whom we have assigned as aides to the veterans in attendance. I am sure they will treasure this happy experience the rest of their lives. [Applause.]

I want to thank Mrs. Irene Compton, the secretary of our committee, who for many years has served as the secretary in the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic here in our good State.

There are many others. We want to thank the band, of course, for coming, the Maennerchor, and all other organizations who had a part in making your stay a pleasant one here in our State. We hope by now that even those from California or Florida might have something nice to say about Indiana weather. [Applause.]

Centuries ago a great prophet once cried out to his people, "Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence

ye are digged. Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bare you." This majestic exhortation applies with singular force to this audience and to all the American people tonight. If there is anything we ought to do above another, it is to look to the rock whence we were hewn and to the hole in the pit whence we were digged.

The rock whence we are hewn is that body of ideals which animated the patriots who established this Republic—liberty, equality of opportunity, the endowment by the Creator of certain inalienable rights, a Government instituted among men receiving its just powers from the consent of the governed; and, over and back of it all, the willingness to sacrifice self and selfish desires that this Government and the principles upon which it stands might abide.

This Nation was digged from the rifle pits of the Revolution. It emerged whole from the chasmal pit of the Civil War. It has escaped the pits of social conflict and collapse into which other nations and peoples, with lesser lights to guide them, have fallen. But other pits lie about and ahead; lawlessness, intolerance, selfishness, and indifference are perhaps more insidiously dangerous than the rifle pits of war. The birthright of the Israelites was swallowed up in the pit of unrighteousness before ever the kingdom of David and Solomon was rent from their successors.

Against these perils there is but one line of defense. The life of a nation depends upon its ability to renew the ideals and purposes from which it derives its strength. These constitute the rock whence we are hewn, the source of our liberty, the safeguard of our heritage, and the hope of our future.

So tonight, turning back the pages, we think of Bull Run, and Shiloh, and Corinth, and Malvern Hill, and Antietam, and Stone River, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Appomattox Courthouse, Cold Harbor, Andersonville, and Libby Prison. As long as we remember and cherish these names or of that great galaxy of men whose lives and sacrifices are associated with that great carnage of Civil War, we need not be fearful about the future. It is only when we forget and grow indifferent that we stand to suffer defeat.

We are grateful tonight for the Grand Army of the Republic. May I, in closing, recite this little verse, a verse that I have treasured since I was a boy. I don't know who wrote it, but I feel it is appropriate here:

The muffled drums sad roll have beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few.
On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread;
And Glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

Thank you.

Chairman WATKINS. Thank you, Governor Schricker.

This encampment would not have been complete without a message from the President of the United States. So, at this time, I am

privileged to read a letter from the President. I am sure that we regret that he was unable to attend the encampment in person:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 16, 1949.

Mr. THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
1326 Eighteenth Street NW., Washington, D. C.

DEAR COMRADE PENLAND: Please extend my affectionate greetings to your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of your eighty-third and final encampment.

In a supreme crisis of our country's life, the heroic devotion to duty of you and your comrades laid the cornerstone of our national unity. On it rests the matchless strength of America for progress and peace throughout the world. Americans of every generation owe you an everlasting debt.

The spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic will never die. It lives in the minds and hearts of millions of vigorous young Americans. In that spirit, and by that spirit, the future of our Nation is forever secure.

In greeting the eighty-third and final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I know that I am expressing the gratitude and respectful pride of every one of your fellow Americans.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

[Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. We will now have a selection by the United States Marine Band.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman WATKINS. At the memorial service Sunday, I mentioned that it was nice to have good things such as the United States Marine Band, and we certainly were pleased in having this great organization of musicians come to Indianapolis and attend this encampment by order and legislation and act of the Congress of the United States of America; and it is most fitting and proper, then, that we should have a Representative of that Congress, the man who presented legislation for this encampment, a man of great note in this community, a Representative of the Eleventh District, which comprises Indianapolis. So, at this time I am very happy and privileged to introduce the Honorable Andrew Jacobs, Congressman of the Eleventh District of Indiana. Congressman Jacobs.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Chairman, Lieutenant Governor Watkins, Commander Penland, Your Excellency Governor Schricker, distinguished guests, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliary organizations, it was a happy privilege for me to be the author of the legislation which provided the Marine Band for this historic occasion. But I should hasten to say that it was not a difficult task, because I was joined in the introduction of that legislation by all of my colleagues from Indiana of both parties, and the legislation was piloted through by Members of Congress from all over the country, and everyone was very happy to cooperate.

This might be considered the end of an era, and it is in a sense the end of one of the most notable eras in America and in the history of mankind. The last encampment of one of the greatest armies that ever fought and marched is here.

It gives one a thrill as you move around the Capitol to think that the enemy camped almost within sight of the Capitol dome, and that these old soldiers faced the enemy at such close quarters.

There were eternal and fundamental principles involved for which they fought and many of them died. Those principles, we hope, live

today. We of the United States Congress strive as best we can to uphold the traditions for which they fought—the traditions of freedom and justice for all men.

Of course, in the present, there are always those issues concerning which there are differences of opinion. But those issues which were settled in the days gone by, particularly the issue of whether or not this Union was one that should endure through the ages, upon that issue there is no longer any dispute.

So that, in this the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I can bring to you what is perhaps the best message that could be brought, the most cheerful message for these old soldiers in their last encampment, and that is, by the grace of God and by virtue of the great sacrifices they and their comrades in arms made, we thank God that this is still one country. [Applause.]

And I like to think of that as being but a milestone on the broad road of history, that even now as war clouds gather over some parts of the world, as war clouds boiled up when the first shots were directed at Fort Sumter—though we may and some future generation may suffer, that in time our children's children will look back upon this era that is closing here tonight as but a milestone in that march of God's children toward the time when it will truly be one world.

So I bring those greetings to you, not only on behalf of myself but on behalf of all my colleagues in Congress. Regardless of their political persuasion or our differences today, we are united in saluting the Grand Army of the Republic with heavy hearts as this era passes on into the history of eternity. Thank you.

Chairman WATKINS. We are especially privileged this evening to have greetings from the commander in chief of the Spanish-American War Veterans. You know they fought a war, too, but even though it is a war between greater wars, their memory stands out in our hearts. So at this time I am happy to present the commander in chief of the Spanish-American War Veterans, Charles R. Barefoot, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. BAREFOOT. Lieutenant Governor Watkins, Governor Schricker, Commander in Chief Penland, venerable soldiers of a day long past, ladies and gentlemen, here in this capital city of Indiana the closing week of August 1949 writes "finis" on the sacred scroll of the beloved Grand Army of the Republic, a proud organization of some of the finest men that ever trod God's green earth.

I am here by special invitation, which carries with it the high honor of being privileged to say a few words of greeting and extend the salutations of 70,000 aging men who form the ranks of the United Spanish War Veterans, and as commander in chief of this organization of patriotic men, who also kept our flag in the sky when war clouds hung low, I just want to say before your last tent is folded—thank you, thank you, men of the Grand Army, thank you for the example of intelligent and patriotic citizenship you set for us to follow.

We wish to thank you for the trails you blazed, for the wonderful contribution you have laid on the altar of freedom, and for the garlands of inspiration you have placed on the car of human progress. We are eternally indebted to you for that splendid heritage of loyalty to our Constitution and our laws with which you endowed us all.

Now while the clock tolls your final hour as a militant organization, those of you who live may in confidence face your last sunset in the knowledge that your march across the page of history left in its wake a gratitude inscribed in the hearts of millions as deep as the continents and as durable as the granite in our hills.

You as the pioneers in organized veterandom have built an arch to span the cross currents of resistance to our American way of life, which, from time to time, threaten to weaken the cornerstones upon which our Republic stands. This arch, thank God, still stretches on graceful lines through the loyal hearts of the hundreds of thousands of younger men and women forming the ranks of other veteran organizations, as a living challenge to emulate your worth and to remember the lessons you have taught.

Apropos to you survivors of that once powerful force constituting the Grand Army of the Republic are the last four lines of a beautiful poem written by a Miss Dromgoole. I quote:

This chasm that has been nought to me
To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.

Gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic, we Spanish War Veterans thank you from the bottom of our hearts for maintaining in good repair a bridge of patriotism in this dear land for us and succeeding generations to cross in the twilight dim.

We are grateful to you for charting a course through fields of good old-fashioned American stability where every mother's son stood independent and self-reliant on his own, subscribing to the theory that honest work in honor done, whether in halls of state or at the forge, was a duty paramount.

We thank you for not wasting this Nation's wealth, we thank you for preserving this Nation's economy; we are proud that your generation need never apologize to posterity for depleting its inheritance; for this and this alone you can answer your last roll call in resonant voice and salute Old Glory for the last time with unfaltering hands.

For more than 80 years you have looked upon the public questions from the standpoint of the patriot rather than the politician, from that of a man who produces the Nation's wealth in the sweat of his brow and the genius of his intellect rather than the parasite who consumes it under that strange, idle philosophy of "the world owes me a living" from the cradle to the grave.

Your house is in order, your path is straight, your record is clean, and as long as that flag blazes in God's blue firmament the gallant lads who assembled here for their first encampment 83 years ago and every man who subscribed to the constitution of the Grand Army of the Republic and wore its badge of honor will be breveted in the hearts of all decent men and women who enjoy the protection of its folds, and generations yet unborn will see in every white and crimson bar where'er unfurled the steel-tipped, ordered lines of America's intrepid sons of '61 to '65 who—

At the sword's keen point kept every gleaming star in its field of blue.

And those gallant men in gray, with whose sublime courage you contended on a hundred fields of pain, also live in our affections. They too were marshaled to a course they thought was right. They too

represent a day, when the only time since the Puritan and cavalier dared the wilds of this Western World, Americans ever surrendered, and then, only to Americans, and now since the crucible of time has dissolved the bitterness born of conflicting thought, we like to believe that those silent hosts in gray, along with those in blue, look down from their battlements in heaven and salute with loving hands this proud Republic built of their fathers' blood and sanctified by their mothers' tears.

I salute you gallant men of the Grand Army of the Republic; may the benediction of the Supreme Commander of us all rest upon you through eternal eons and may the hand that led you safely through your Gethsemane preserve forever this wondrous land your valor helped to save. [Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. Thank you, Commander Barefoot. Tonight we will have greetings from the allied organizations through their representatives. Now it is my pleasure to present Mrs. Eleanor Stables, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Stables.

Mrs. STABLES. Chairman Watkins, to our Commander in Chief Theodore Penland of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the Honorable Governor Schricker of Indiana, distinguished guests, and to everyone here assembled, I, as the national president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, deem it a great honor and a privilege to be able to come before you tonight.

We pledge again to our commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic that the National Woman's Relief Corps will always carry on in their memory. We feel we have the greatest heritage that can be given to any organization, the heritage of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, I wish to present to our Commander in Chief Theodore Penland a check. This money is small compared to what you are leaving to us. We feel that to have the pleasure of carrying on and keeping the name of the Woman's Relief Corps and able to say we are the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic is indeed a wonderful thing. So, Commander in Chief, I present to you from the National Woman's Relief Corps this check for \$1,000. I hope that you will have many more years that you can have some pleasure and be with us. [Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. Now, I am happy to present Mrs. Edna M. Ray, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Ray.

Mrs. RAY. Lieutenant Governor Watkins, Your Excellency Governor Schricker, our commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic Theodore Penland, my coworkers of the allied organizations, distinguished visitors, and citizens of Indianapolis, it has been a signal honor for me to come before you this evening representing the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I feel very humble, knowing that this honor can only come to one.

I am going to bring to you, Comrade Penland, the assurance that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will do everything in our power to perpetuate your memory. I am bringing to you our check for \$400. If you need more we stand behind you and will gladly help you.

Comrade Penland, accept our appreciation for all of the consideration that you have given us down through the years. And, citizens of Indianapolis, this has been a great week for the Grand Army of the Republic; but it has been a greater week for us. You who have children and who have young people, bring them down tomorrow evening to the parade, the greatest parade that Indianapolis, Ind., will ever have, and the only one of its kind that it can ever have. Bring your children and let them see this, because in years to come they can tell their children and their children's children that they watched the greatest parade ever.

Comrade Penland, I am happy to present to you our check from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chairman WATKINS. Now I am happy to present Mrs. Bernice Hecht, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mrs. Hecht.

Mrs. HECHT. Honorable Governor of Indiana, the Lieutenant Governor, distinguished guests, my commander in chief, ladies and gentlemen, I deem it a very great honor to bear the name of a Daughter of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. My father enlisted in the State of Indiana, I am a native Indianian, and I am very proud to be called a Daughter of a Union Veteran.

We want to assure the Grand Army that their Daughters as the years go by and we all get older, our children, our granddaughters and our great granddaughters and so on, will forever carry on the principles for which our fathers died.

And, Comrade Penland, it is a very happy honor I have to be able to present to you from our national organization a check for a thousand dollars [applause] to be used in your work.

And I also have a gift for the commander from the Daughters of Union Veterans—a wrist watch—that I am sure he is going to be able to use and wear and enjoy. [Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. Don't you envy these old soldiers—all this money and these gifts? Now I am happy to present Mr. Perle Fouch, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mr. FOUCH. Comrade Penland, officers, soldiers, and fellow Americans, commander in chief, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pledge to you and your comrades anew, that with each succeeding year when nature opens her storehouse of beauty, when the sunshine has brightened and warmed the earth, when the flowers clothe the hillsides and the valleys are carpeted with green, when her groves and forests are vocal with carols of song, when all earth is putting forth her utmost beauty and proclaiming an undying life, we shall on each Memorial Day in memory of you and the comrades of the Civil War, bring the wealth of bud, blossom, and perfect flower to lay above the dust of the Grand Army of the Republic, and may the clouds in yonder sky reflecting the gorgeous beauty of our floral tribute bear to them our affectionate remembrance and undying love in their brighter clime, their sacrifices so grandly secured.

We are mindful today of foreign nations that would like to take us, but let's go back to your days of battle and a few years before, and let us remember tonight something of our citizenship and freedom and what they mean. We had one great object lesson. There were two boys born in the United States of America less than 100 miles apart.

One of these boys had the privileges of the schools and colleges and finally graduated at Annapolis. The other learned his lesson by the light of a shavings fire in the Orcut cooper shop at New Salem, Ill. These men later became prominent citizens. Both served in the American Congress. One of them became President of the United States and the other became President of the Confederacy. The one who had the least advantages was loyal, and the one who had the greater advantages, with all that riches could produce in his day and time, was disloyal to that flag.

Now Comrade Penland, we know that you and your comrades carried out the great traditions of our forefathers. Let's not forget that our forefathers said:

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Not only for their generation, but for all succeeding generations and all that have come to our shores to become citizens of the United States of America, tonight as an American audience we should estimate and appreciate these sentiments from the lives and lips of those who have erected the altars of sorrow at the hearthstone of home and who imbued fidelity amid the hours of loneliness and prayer and learned their lessons of patriotism beside their hallowed graves.

Comrade Penland, in behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans and as their commander in chief I present to you for the Grand Army of the Republic this check of the Sons for \$500. [Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. Now I am happy to present Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, national president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mrs. Barrett.

Mrs. BARRETT. You have all been addressed many times this evening and I am not going to name you over—only my Commander in Chief Penland.

I am very happy to be here tonight as national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I think you heard me speak the other night to these Grand Army men, of which my father was one. I am a member, as you know, of this Grand Army family. I belong to all the women's organizations, and these are my national presidents right here—three of them. I don't think anyone can brag about having any more. I have been very happy to be with them all this year. We have met at many, many department encampments. We have had a good year.

I have been happy to see Commander in Chief Penland at our California encampment. I had lunch with him today. I also had dinner tonight with him and the comrade from Minnesota. I think I have had a most wonderful time.

I am here tonight, not to speak to you but to give our little check to Commander in Chief Penland for the \$500 we usually give. Thank you.

Chairman WATKINS. You know I must be the most fortunate individual in the State of Indiana to have had the privilege of rubbing elbows and becoming acquainted with the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Yesterday evening I had the privilege of sitting with him at the banquet and we carried on a conversation all during the meal, and I was certainly amused by the little jokes

that he told me. I am going to tell you one that he told me last night.

He said, "Do you know why a chicken lays an egg?" I said, "No, I don't." He said, "Well, if she dropped it she would break it." [Laughter.] Do you know, I will remember that as long as I live.

I have been privileged to talk to him and to sit by him and to enjoy his vitality and his great sense of humor. And now it is my pleasure and my privilege to present the commander in chief for a response to the greetings. Theodore A. Penland.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Eldon Geyer will take care of this for me, a grandson of mine, superintendent of schools at Lansing, Mich.

Mr. ELDON C. GEYER. Fellow citizens, my grandfather is greatly moved at this time, as I think you would expect, and I must admit I am too. I would try to bring you the spirit of appreciation which my grandfather has for all the many, many people who have helped in the GAR this year and in the years gone by. Those of you who know him know something of that spirit.

But I think that I will take the liberty of telling you a little about my grandfather and his spirit of careful living which may be of some value. I have known him for quite a few years myself. He has lived very carefully. I will give you two illustrations.

As a boy in northern Indiana I remember visiting his farmhouse, and at the risk of being challenged by some of my fellow Hoosiers I want to say that I have said for many years that Theodore A. Penland had the neatest farmhouse of any place in northern Indiana. That is what I thought as a boy.

Now I am going to tell you something right up to date, and this is at the risk of being court-martialed before morning because of what I am going to say. He is very careful in all ways of life; in his eating he is careful; in the way he wears his clothing he is careful. He is careful about something else, which you can judge for yourselves. He folds up his trousers and puts them under his pillow when he sleeps. [Laughter.]

In all seriousness, to all of you, and especially to those members who are connected with the organizations affiliated with the GAR, I express in the most approved manner I can the appreciation of my grandfather, not entirely as a person, but as a figure right now—your representative of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am sure for those of you who have worked with him or been very closely acquainted with him, the few Boys in Blue remaining, you agree with me that we do have a few more reasons for remembering the GAR in addition to those that are chiseled on stone in the monuments throughout our land, namely, there are 48 reasons why we shall always remember the Grand Army of the Republic.

And thank you, folks, on this occasion, for my grandfather in attempting to help him out. Thank you so much. [Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. We will now have a selection by the Maennerchor, under the direction of Clarence F. Elbert. There are 120 members of the Maennerchor, and about 75 of them present here this evening.

(The choir sang *Tenting Tonight on the Old Campground*, Commander in Chief Penland joining in the singing, *On the Banks of the Wabash*, and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.)

Chairman WATKINS. I am sure that I speak for every person in this audience when I extend our great appreciation to this fine Maennerchor for their selections. [Applause.]

It is with a feeling of regret that I bring this meeting to a close. I know that this meeting will live forever in your hearts and be cherished in your memory.

The benediction will be given by Lt. Col. Leslie F. Zimmerman, chaplain, Tenth Air Force, Fort Harrison. Will the audience please remain until after Taps are blown by the United States Marine Band immediately following the benediction. Please rise.

Lieutenant Colonel ZIMMERMAN. Almighty God, Father of all mankind, Judge of all nations, Ruler of all men, we thank Thee for those whom Thou hast raised up when peril threatened and their country called, who left the paths of peace to make their breasts a barricade against our Nation's foes. We thank Thee that no sorrow for loved ones left behind could dim the purpose of their souls, that no horror of battle could beat their courage down.

We pray that Thou wilt unite the people of this land in a holy purpose to carry on this work which is now so nobly closing, to defend the freedom and brotherhood for which they lived and died. Teach us to honor them by ever cherishing the ideals for which they fought. Keep us steadfast in the cause of human rights and liberties, of law and order and true Americanism.

Grant, O Heavenly Father, that the inspiration of this convocation may not be forgotten when we return to the cycle of our common tasks. May our young men still rejoice to respond to the call of duty with the valor of their fathers, but teach us nobler methods of matching our strength and more effective ways of giving our lives for our flag.

As Thou hast preserved our Union so draw all nations together with an increasing sense of our common task and our common blood and our common destiny, that peace may come into this world as we pray it to come into our hearts. And may that peace of God keep our minds and hearts in Thy knowledge and in Thy love. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.)

THE PARADE

(The following account of the parade held on Wednesday, August 31, is taken from the Indianapolis Star of the following morning:)

GAR MARCHES IN FINAL PARADE—SIX TIRED VETS MAKE LAST STAND

UNITED STATES MARINE BAND SOUNDS TAPS FOR PROUD BOYS IN BLUE

(By Lester M. Hunt)

The Grand Army of the Republic stacked arms last night and lay down in eternal bivouac beside campfires that will gleam forever among the heroisms of history.

The six centenarians of the GAR attending the last convention made their final appearance in a parade starting at 6:30.

Indianapolis gave them a rousing farewell.

It was here that the first convention of the GAR was held in 1866, and it was here the GAR made its last stand, surrendering only to the relentless battering of the years.

Led by the Marine Band in its White House uniforms of scarlet, white, gold, and black, the six old men, each in a car of his own, rode through the streets.

Commander in Chief Theodore L. Penland, 100, perched jauntily on the tonneau of an open car, waved his hand to the cheering thousands.

It was from here that Penland marched away to war with the One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Infantry, and he returned yesterday as the lone survivor of more than 200,000 soldiers and sailors from this State in the war.

Ahead of him rode Albert Woolson, 102, national chief of staff, with the colors of Company C, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery.

Farther down the line, behind several fife and drum corps from Pennsylvania, came Robert Barrett, 102, of Company L, Seventeenth Kentucky Infantry.

Charles L. Chappel, 101, of Company D, Tenth New York Infantry, followed, with James A. Hard, 108, of Company E, Thirty-second New York Infantry, and Joseph Clovese, 105, of Company C, Ninth Louisiana Union Infantry.

All but Hard rode in open cars. Just before leaving the Claypool Hotel he had a faint spell and the nurses ordered the top of the car raised to protect him from the evening air.

Except for Penland, the aged men seemed weighted by the fatigue of the last 4 days on top of the last 100 years.

Some looked with unseeing eyes at the thousands who lined the streets. Others appeared oblivious of the cheers that swept the city as they rode in review. They seemed far away, immersed in other days.

Perhaps above the noise of the crowd they heard the thunder of the hoofs of Stuart's Gray cavalry squadrons swinging into Manassas Junction. Or the clanking caissons of Hunt's Federal artillery wheeling into position on Cemetery Ridge.

The old soldiers snapped from their reverie as they reached the reviewing stand on the west steps of the Federal Building.

Their cars lined up there and they reviewed the rest of the long parade, returning the salutes from the lines of marching men.

They were six former privates receiving accolades accorded few generals.

[From Indianapolis Star, August 31, 1949]

PASS TORCH TO YOUNGER HANDS

Six venerable members of the Grand Army of the Republic are this city's foremost guests of honor. They are the center of much richly deserved attention. This may cause some of us to overlook the efforts and services of the younger patriotic groups allied with the GAR which also are meeting here.

Among the allied organizations are the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the GAR, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and the Daughters of Union Veterans. These groups, and others, have worked closely with the Boys in Blue through the years. They have helped not only the great Civil War veterans' organization but also veterans of later wars. They have performed many other patriotic services. Without their assistance the final encampment of the GAR would not be the inspiring affair it is.

There have been some moves, incidentally, to get the aged and feeble Union soldiers to hold another encampment after this one. It is to be hoped such moves come to naught. Those of "Abe Lincoln's boys" who are still alive are all centenarians. They are ready for their final campfire tonight in the city where the GAR was born. The younger affiliate organizations can be entrusted to carry on in their name.

CAMPFIRE HELD IN THE INDIANA BALLROOM, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 31, 1949, 8. P. M.

Hon. John A. Watkins, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, presiding.
(Music by the United States Marine Band, including the singing of Old Soldiers Never Die.)

Chairman WATKINS. The invocation will be given by the Reverend Roy Ewing Vale, pastor Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, former moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, who is the grandson of a Union veteran.

Dr. VALE. Let us all look to God in prayer. Our Father in Heaven: To Thee we dedicate this solemn and holy hour, with all the deep emotions that stir our hearts.

We thank Thee for the gallant host who long ago offered their lives in behalf of the right as Thou, O God, didst give them to see the right. We thank Thee for a country preserved in unity out from the storm of fraternal conflict.

We commend to Thy tender care these venerable men who represent today all their comrades of the long ago. Wilt Thou keep them in all their going out and coming in, from this time forth and even forevermore.

We thank Thee for the mighty ramparts of our liberty, for those patriot graves that stretch across our land and that in our day have reached around the earth. May our devotion and the devotion of the future match the fidelity of the past.

Under the guidance of true religion and by the service of wise minds and loyal hearts, may our Nation be maintained strong and free, and be a source of many blessings to all the earth. And to that end may the memory of this final campfire of the Grand Army of the Republic be a lasting power.

We ask it all, together with Thy pardon of our sins, both personal and national, in the name of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Chairman WATKINS. At this time we will join together in paying allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of allegiance, led by Major Santelmann.)

(Star Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman WATKINS. Now we had a great parade. We got rained on, but a little rain does not dampen the spirits of the GAR.

I think that I should present to you tonight the five veterans who are on the stage, so that you may pay tribute to them. This is the first time that we have had five of the veterans on the stage. I think it would be best that you hold your applause until all of them have been presented and then you may give them the applause of which they are deserving.

Of course, we have the commander in chief, Theodore A. Penland; James A. Hard, of New York; Albert Woolson, of Minnesota; Robert Barrett, of Kentucky; Joseph Clovese, of Michigan. Now you may applaud. [Applause.]

We are very sorry that Mr. Chappel was not able to be here this evening, but he did review the parade. All six of them were out there in their cars reviewing the parade. I think one of the things that will stand out in the history of this great Republic is that six of the Union veterans, past 100 years of age, reviewed the last parade of the last encampment of the GAR.

Tonight we are honored to have a visit from a very distinguished gentleman, the national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It is my pleasure at this time to present the commander in chief, Clyde A. Lewis.

Mr. LEWIS. Governor Watkins, Commander in Chief Penland, and your other illustrious comrades, distinguished guests, and friends, my mission tonight is a solemn one—one which I approach with a profound sense of humility.

For, with the closing of the books upon the long and distinguished career of the Grand Army of the Republic, its mantle in a sense falls upon the shoulders of the organization which I represent, the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As of this day, when the Grand Army of the Republic writes "finis" to its glorious record of achievement, the distinction of being the Nation's oldest active major veteran organization is passed on to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It is a solemn and grave responsibility—one which, God willing, we shall cherish and remember until that day when we have filled the last page in the history of our organization; that day when wars shall be no more and peace shall dwell with all the peoples of the earth.

The sounding of "taps" for the Grand Army of the Republic marks the close of a great era in American history. Today, some two dozen of your members are still alive. You have lived to see our country become a strong, unified Nation. Now that all the noble purposes for which you were organized have been fully realized, you at last are to enjoy the retirement from active duty to which you are so justly entitled. You take your place in the ranks of the immortals who have gone before.

The GAR may become inactive with peace of mind, with the knowledge that those principles of unity, equality, and justice for which they struggled in the 1860's are today more firmly than ever entrenched in the hearts of Americans. The Veterans of Foreign Wars proudly inherits the distinction of being the oldest active major veterans' organization in the country. Proudly the VFW takes up the torch from the hands of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Abraham Lincoln said, "A country which forgets its veterans cannot long survive." America will not forget its veterans.

Comrades of the GAR, you have done your full share to make America great and the beacon of freedom. You become inactive with our deep gratitude. So long as America exists, so long as one veteran lives, the GAR will remain in our hearts and memories as the symbol of patriotism and Americanism. The VFW proudly salutes you.

Chairman WATKINS. Thank you, Commander Lewis. I might say that he is the first veteran of World War II who has been elected to that high position. [Applause.]

It is more than regrettable that the American Legion is holding its convention in Philadelphia and it is impossible for the State officers to be here at this encampment. But I have a telegram from the national commander of the American Legion, which I will read:

THEODORE PENLAND,

Commander, Grand Army of the Republic,

Care National Convention Headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind.:

The job of the men of the Grand Army of the Republic was to preserve our Union. Ours is to preserve democracy. The GAR has left us Legionnaires a grand heritage of inspiration and loyalty. They passed on to us one Nation and one flag. We shall follow in their footsteps with a new dedication to preserving the bulwarks of human freedom.

The American Legion salutes the GAR at its final campfire. As national commander of the American Legion, it is my high privilege to express the admiration and affection of 3,000,000 Legionnaires for the GAR and its accomplishments. We shall never forget the Boys in Blue.

It is my hope that, when the American Legion holds its last national convention at some distant date in the future, it will hold the same place in the hearts of the Nation which the GAR holds today.

We join in spirit with the GAR in its last salute to its colors. May God be with you and bless you.

PERRY BROWN,
*National Commander,
The American Legion.*

We are to be favored tonight with greetings from Mrs. Edna Ray, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Ray.

Mrs. RAY. Lieutenant Governor Watkins, distinguished visitors, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic Theodore Penland, his comrades, members of the allied organizations, citizens of Indianapolis; Commander Penland, it is with a heart full of gratitude that I come to you tonight and present to you for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic an additional gift of \$600, making a total of \$1,000 from our organization. Last evening I presented you a check for \$400 with the understanding that would be all that would be necessary. Upon investigation, I found that you could use more, and your Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic want you to know that they are not going to try to find if this will be enough. We are here tonight, Commander Penland, with our check of \$600 more. Please accept it with our love. The entire thousand is for you. None of it is to be returned. If it is not enough, let us know.

Commander Penland, it is hard for us to realize now that I am presenting to you our last check—the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrade Penland, our check for \$600.

Chairman WATKINS. We have a very distinguished speaker this evening, a man who is the son of a Union veteran. I am told that he had seven uncles who were members of the Union forces. So, it is a distinct honor and privilege tonight to introduce to you Judge Hezzie B. Pike, the principal speaker of the evening.

Judge PIKE. Mr. Chairman, surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic, members of the allied organizations, and friends, there is so much that could be said tonight that, in order to save time, it will be necessary that I confine myself to a manuscript.

I feel it a distinct honor to be chosen to make a short address on this occasion. Perhaps it is because of my personal relationship to so many who served in the Union Army.

I am truly proud of the heritage that has been left us by our forefathers, which has been handed down to us at a tremendous sacrifice. This heritage is not just a blessing and privilege, but also an obligation and trust. We are the trustees for future generations, to pass on to them the heritage that our forefathers have handed down to us.

The founders of our Republic, declaring "that we are and of a right ought to be free and independent colonies," declared also "that men are created with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"; and to maintain that declaration they pledged "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor."

This was a great forward step, against a powerful nation. As Benjamin Franklin said, "We must now hang together, or undoubtedly we shall each hang separately." They did hang together. They gave us our independence and our Constitution, based upon the right of freedom and self-government. This was the heritage that was handed down to the Boys of 1861-65. They have handed this heritage on down to us, and in addition they gave us a united Nation in which all men were free.

That Lincoln appreciated the hardships and sacrifice made by the men who created our Government is shown by a speech he made in Independence Hall on his way to his inauguration, which I will not take time to quote. At another time, however, he said:

Surely each man has as strong a motive now to preserve our liberties as each had then to establish them.

The danger of losing our heritage as a free people is not by being conquered by enemies in war, for our soldiers have always shown their superiority in courage, bravery, and unquenchable determination to win in a way that no enemy could ever conquer them. Again Lincoln said:

At what point, then, is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reaches us, it must spring up from among us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be the author and finisher. As a Nation of free men, we must live through all time or die by suicide.

And we are also admonished by the great statesman that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

How, then can we lose our liberties?

By failing to live up to the obligations of citizenship. For example, there are too many stay-at-homes on election day. As Lincoln said:

It is not the qualified voters but the qualified voters who choose to vote that constitute the political power of the state.

This is the duty of every citizen, and in my opinion one who is a qualified voter and is able to get to the polls and vote and fails to do so is a slacker on the greatest job of any American citizen, that of preserving this heritage that has been handed down to us.

Today too many think that the Government owes them a living. This was not the spirit of the boys of 1861 to 1865. They felt that they owed the Government a life of service, and they risked their all for the preservation of the Union, and we can well follow their example and thus prove our right to the heritage they have left us.

There are those who are willing to sacrifice liberty for safety and security. They seem to care little for the fundamentals of our Government, so long as something is promised them for nothing, when in

reality the best means for safety and security is that liberty may be preserved, with opportunities for everyone to make the best of life.

Benjamin Franklin said:

They that can give up essential liberty to attain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Therefore, to insure safety and security, let us preserve our liberty and freedom of opportunity.

There are too many foreign isms being infiltrated into our Government, particularly socialism and communism, both of which are threats to our American form of government. The most dangerous of these evidently is communism. That there are Communists sent into our country to stir up distrust and discontent with our form of government has been established beyond a doubt. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, after calling attention to the fact that the Communists were working their way into our labor organizations, our schools, and other American institutions, said:

We are rapidly reaching the time when loyal Americans must be willing to stand up and be counted.

[Applause.]

Yes; we must not hesitate to stand up and be counted as against these isms that would destroy the very fundamentals of our principles of self-government. There are those who would destroy certain of the inalienable rights of men. One of these rights is the right to work, and improve yourself, and provide for your family, and educate your children. In my opinion, it is wrong for industrial management or an employer to deprive a person of his right to work because he is or is not a member of certain organizations, and it is just as wrong for a labor organization or a labor leader to deprive a person of this right to work because of the fact that he does or does not belong to a certain organization. [Applause.]

And again there are those that would incite strikes against the Government. This is one of the surest ways of destroying the very fundamentals of government, and any person who is an officer or an employee of any branch of our Government who would go on a strike is falling into the hands of the Communists, who would destroy our Government, and such a Government employee is, as Calvin Coolidge once said, a deserter, to which we may add that he is also a traitor. This is another one of our problems. It is a matter of particular concern.

There is much more that could be said, but the question is what is our duty today? Let us turn to the teachings of Abraham Lincoln for an answer, for when Secretary Stanton said at Lincoln's death that "now he belongs to the ages" he was speaking perhaps with a greater prophecy than he realized, for the teachings of Lincoln are just as applicable to the problems of today concerning the great questions of government and the rights of our citizens as they were in his day, and these great teachings will apply to generations yet unborn.

As above quoted, Lincoln said:

Surely each man has as strong a motive now to preserve our liberties as each had then to establish them.

That applies to us as it did in Lincoln's time.

He also said :

Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in our bosoms. Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of men in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own doors.

And again, speaking in Indianapolis on his way to his inauguration, within less than a block of where we stand tonight, he gave this message :

I appeal to you again to constantly bear in mind that not with politicians, not with Presidents, nor with office seekers, but with you is the question : Shall the Union and shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the latest generation?

And then the quotation from that immortal address at Gettysburg, which is as applicable to us today as it was in his day, and pray God it may also apply to future generations, when he said :

It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion ; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain ; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom ; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

[Applause.]

In conclusion :

Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.

With this admonition from the great leader in our Civil War, let us pledge to these living veterans of the war that saved the Union and to the memory of those who have departed that we will in time of peace or war show our appreciation of this heritage they have handed down to us by preserving it for ourselves and for future generations.

Chairman WATKINS. Sunday we were privileged to hear a beautiful choir, last evening we were privileged to hear the Maennerchor Chorus, and tonight we are extremely proud of the entertainment which you are about to enjoy, Murat Chanters, of Murat Temple, Indianapolis. They have made a name for themselves in this locality. They have dedicated themselves to music and we are happy to present them. The Murat Temple Chanters are known as the Singing Men of Murat.

The Chanters sang *This Is My Country*, a Negro spiritual, *Moanin'*, and *The Lord's Prayer*, and were enthusiastically applauded.

Chairman WATKINS. The Chanters are coming back again. You know we have had a delightful time and these Chanters have been such a wonderful contribution to the success of these meetings, I think we should show the Chanters now how much we really do appreciate them. [More applause.]

Last evening I thought Commander Penland had received about everything that it was possible to give in love and in treasure, but tonight it seems that he is to be again rewarded. So at this time we are very happy to present Eldon Geyer, his grandson, who will present a badge to Commander Penland.

Mr. GEYER. Commander in Chief, 85 years after you served in the Civil War, we have come to the moment when you as commander in chief are to receive the last badge to be presented by the Grand Army of the Republic.

This beautiful badge of your office comes to you from your comrades all over the country—from the heads of organizations affiliated with the Grand Army, and from your friends.

This is a beautiful four-star, diamond-studded badge, engraved with the name "Theodore A. Penland."

I congratulate you. I extend the best wishes of your many friends that you may live many more years to enjoy their sincere friendship.

I think men admire you. I know the women like you. May God continue to bless you. [Pinning on the badge.]

He told me not to take off the wrong one. Grandad, I congratulate you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Friends, I am so thankful that I am able to be in your presence tonight. This is a wonderful thing—just once in a lifetime. It never can happen again. I am so happy that I have a few comrades and that we can be together and visit. It won't be very long, it isn't likely, until we will be all gone. Thank you.

Chairman WATKINS. Thank you, Eldon Geyer. Thank you, Commander in Chief.

This program says "Reminiscences by the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic." I would like to have a little clarification on that, please. I presume that the old soldiers are to be presented at the microphone, if possible.

Comrade HARD. Ladies and gentlemen, I came 550 miles to be seen—not to see anything. I am blind. It is enough for me to be seen by the people of different parts of the country. And the people of this vicinity, especially the ladies, have the reputation of being the most beautiful ladies in the United States. I wanted to come here especially to be seen by these ladies. I have what they call a hobby in Rochester. At one of my birthdays there, there was a lady asked me if I had a hobby. I told her I had, and she wanted to know what it was. I told her it was to receive the kiss of the most ladies of the land.

Comrade WOOLSON. In the latter part of the Civil War, '64 and '65, I was drum major of the regiment. We had 12 snare drums, 12 fifes, and 12 bugles. General Thomas invited us to his headquarters quite frequently. Seventy years ago I played the old Army reveille on the drum, but I am entirely out of practice now. Please excuse me.

Comrade CLOVESE. My name is Joseph Clovese. I was born in 1844. I am glad to be here. I am having a good time with my white friends. I hope that we all meet in heaven.

Chairman WATKINS. Have you enjoyed the encampment?

Comrade BARRETT. Well, yes. Everything is satisfactory.

Chairman WATKINS. You have enjoyed yourself here?

Comrade BARRETT. I sure have enjoyed myself.

Chairman WATKINS. Have the ladies been very nice?

Comrade BARRETT. Many thanks to these people for showing us a good time.

Chairman WATKINS. That is fine.

Comrade BARRETT. My people would be proud of how well you have treated us. They must hear all about this. They just enjoy us having a good time here.

Chairman WATKINS. Folks, I just want to remind you that this should go down in your memory, something you will never regret—having heard these comrades, these Union veterans.

At this time we will have selections from the Murat Chanters.

Mr. HAMILTON. I know you have heard these two songs many times, and no doubt you have heard them done a lot better than we are going to sing them—and maybe not. If you like, hum or sing along with us.

The Chanters then sang *Tenting on the Old Camp Ground*, *Rally Round the Flag, Boys*, and *Fred Waring's* arrangement of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, with the spotlight on a waving flag at the rear of the stage. [Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. Now at this time we have a surprise. You know we have been honored by the presence of Andrew Jacobs, Congressman from Indianapolis, and Hon. W. K. Denton, Congressman from Evansville, eighth district, and now we are very honored by having Mrs. Harden, Congresswoman from the sixth district, present. I wish she would stand, please, and be recognized. There she is. Put the spotlight on, please. Mrs. Harden is a member of the congressional committee sent here to enjoy and to take part in this GAR encampment.

At this time I am very happy to present the national secretary of the GAR, Miss Cora Gillis.

Miss GILLIS. I think our presiding officer is a trifle mixed on this. This duty does not come to me, although I would love to do it. It goes to a gentleman here.

Chairman WATKINS. We will hear from that gentleman.

Mr. WILLIAM F. NEMITZ (department commander, Connecticut Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War). Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Penland, Grand Army of the Republic, your comrades, distinguished guests, and friends of the Grand Army family, we have paused in the midst of a very solemn program this evening to pay tribute to a gentleman who needs no introduction to those of you who have been attending Grand Army encampments during the past several years. I would like to ask Maj. William F. Santelmann, leader of the United States Marine Band, if he would please step up on the platform. (While the major was coming to the platform the United States Marine Band played *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*.)

Mr. NEMITZ. Major Santelmann, since you have assumed leadership of the United States Marine Band, following Capt. Taylor Branson, you have given to us, the members of the Grand Army family, an inspiration from the musical talent of your aggregation of musicians that is unequalled throughout the world. [Applause.] We have come to regard you as one of us. We feel that no honor that we could bestow upon you would befit the conduct that you have shown us as a soldier and a gentleman. Therefore the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders are presenting you this evening with this scroll, which reads as follows:

MAJ. WILLIAM F. SANTELMANN, USMC, LEADER, UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

This scroll is presented in grateful appreciation of your many courtesies extended to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied orders at our annual national encampments since you assumed the leadership of the United States Marine Band.

Your interest in the Grand Army of the Republic, as evidenced by your response to fulfill their every desire, has endeared you to us. You, and your great aggregation of fine musicians, have given us many happy hours of musical enjoyment, and through your interpretations we have come to appreciate and know music in its most beautiful and richest form.

We shall never forget the stirring marches that are a part of us, especially Old Soldiers Never Die, which the Boys in Blue love so well, and the beautiful symphonic arrangement of Taps is your masterpiece alone, and the effect of its sad, haunting air lingers with us long after its rendition.

This is the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and we of the allied orders are honored by your presence here in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., in joining with us in the last official tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic.

God speed you and may He bless you with many years of health and success, and always remember that deep down in our hearts there is a place filled with kindly thoughts and well wishes for you—a true leader of men.

And this is signed by Commander in Chief Penland and the various heads of our allied organizations. Commander Penland has a little duty to perform now.

(Loving cup presented to Major Santelmann by Commander in Chief Penland.)

Chairman WATKINS. This is a very beautiful trophy.

Major SANTELMANN. Ladies and gentlemen, I know I should make some response, but, honestly, I don't know what to say. I know I don't reserve a thing like this. That I am sure of. I certainly appreciate the honor you do me and through me really to my boys of the band.

It is true we have been able to come and play for the veterans of the Grand Army and their affiliate organizations for a good many years, but ours has not been their inspiration—they have been ours, and it is for that reason that we give our best when we come to play for you, because we like to play for you.

Nowhere else have we as many sincere friends, as many who seem to enjoy our work as you do here at these GAR encampments. So, after all, what we are doing is in reality what you are making us do.

I can only say that I will cherish this as long as I live, and I know that it will always be something for me to look at and to get another thrill out of again on those days that sometimes all of us have, when things become a little dreary. I cannot properly thank you—any of you, but I know you will understand the feeling that is in my heart when I say "Thank you, thank you." [Applause.]

Chairman WATKINS. Now we have another tremendous surprise. The commander in chief will now sing his favorite song.

Commander in Chief PENLAND. Now, if I break down from being too hoarse, pardon me. [Singing Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground.] [Applause.]

Now let me extend greetings to my comrades [To Comrade Hard:] May you live long and be happy. [The commander in chief shook hands with Comrades Woolson, Clovese, and Barrett and extended a word of greeting.]

(Pictures taken by photographers.)

Chairman WATKINS. Folks, these are very important pictures. You will have to excuse the confusion that it makes sometimes, but these pictures will appear in national magazines of the United States and I think that we will all of us enjoy seeing them. This last picture that is taken of these five comrades together will unquestionably go down in history.

Now, folks, we all of us feel a great sorrow at bringing this encampment to an end. I know that all of us have the feeling of a heavy heart

that now, at the last encampment of the GAR, it is necessary to pull down the curtain.

So, now we will have the benediction by the Reverend A. L. Boren, of the Roberts Park Methodist Church, and when the Reverend Boren completes the benediction please remain standing for the retiring of the colors by the American Legion color guard and Past Commanders of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Neil D. Cranmer, Albert C. Lambert, and Leroy Stoudt, and then the sounding of Taps. The Reverend A. L. Boren.

Reverend Mr. BOREN. May we bow our heads and may our hearts be humble as we pray: We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the inspirations of this hour, for the inspiration of this fellowship and for the inspiration of this comradeship with those who have served Thee and this our country. Now we pray that the light which has been on the pathway so many years may always lead us and that we may find ourselves comrades again in that Eternal Land where there are no Taps.

And now may the grace, mercy, and peace of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit go with us and make us worthy. Amen.

Colors retired.

(Taps, United States Marine Band, followed by God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again, by the band.)

With the beautiful rendition of Taps and the echo of God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again, the crowd, who had witnessed the final campfire of the Grand Army of the Republic, went back to their homes with a feeling of sadness in their hearts, but with the knowledge that God had been good to spare these men and permit them to attend one more encampment here on earth before they join that mighty throng who have gone on before.

The final gavel has sounded for the business sessions of the national encampment, but the organization will live until the last man silently folds his tent and steals away.

Old soldiers never die,
They simply fade away.

In Memoriam

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Charles L. Chappel, senior vice commander in chief, passed away very suddenly on September 19, 1949, aged 102. He had suffered a heart attack before leaving for Indianapolis, but recovered sufficiently to make the trip, although on Monday, August 29, he had a relapse and was taken to the hospital for a short time. Comrade Chappel returned to his home from the encampment happy in the thought that he could still conduct his post meetings, but this was not to be. Shortly after his return to his home in Long Beach, Calif., he became ill again and passed away at the naval hospital, where he had been a patient but 3 hours.

Comrade Chappel was born in Hartwick, N. Y., July 7, 1847, and enlisted August 23, 1864, in Company D, Tenth New York Infantry, at Norwich, N. Y. He was mustered out June 13, 1865, at Munsons Hill, Va. After the war, he lived in Virginia for 4 years, then going to Oklahoma, where he was a farmer. He moved to Long Beach in 1919. He had outlived three wives and four sons.

Comrade Chappel had been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for many years, was a past department commander and was serving as commander of Stanton Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at the time of his death. He will be missed by his many friends, and by the people in Long Beach, where he had lived so long.

Services were conducted at the main auditorium of the veterans' hospital, which was filled to capacity to pay final honors to one who so richly deserved them. He was laid to rest in Westmoreland Memorial Park, with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the United Spanish War Veterans conducting the military rites. Taps were sounded by the Army and Navy Union.

Sympathy of the Grand Army of the Republic is extended to the grandchildren.

IOWA

James P. Martin, last member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Iowa, passed away on September 20, 1949, following a long illness, at the age of 101.

Comrade Martin was born in Scotland and came to the United States when 5 years old. His family settled in Wisconsin. He enlisted at the age of 16 in Company H, First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, on September 22, 1864, and was mustered out June 26, 1865. After the war, he returned to Wisconsin and became a farmer, later moving to Kansas, where he married. He and his wife returned to Wisconsin a few years after their marriage. In 1886, they moved to Iowa and settled near Sutherland, moving into the village with his daughter in 1948. Six children and several grandchildren survive.

The sincere sympathy of the Grand Army of the Republic is extended to the family.

Masonic and Grand Army services were conducted by the Masonic lodge and the American Legion.

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF ROBERT McKEE ROWND

Robert McKee Rownd, junior vice commander in chief and past commander in chief, died in office May 17, 1949, after a long illness at the age of 104.

Born in Sarahsville, Ohio, October 22, 1844, the grandson of a Methodist minister, he enlisted for service in the Civil War at the age of 16 in the Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; but, after serving for a few months, his age was discovered and he was released. Disappointed but not discouraged, he waited until December 1862, when he was successful in enlisting in the Ninth Ohio Cavalry, Company B, in which outfit he served until he was mustered out on July 20, 1865, having been in about 65 engagements, including Sherman's march to the sea.

Comrade Rownd began his career with the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of Post 1 in Ohio, later transferring to James S. Brown Post of Jamestown, N. Y. His life was a long and useful one. He entered Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., in his youth, which education was interrupted by the Civil War, but in June of 1947 he received his belated bachelor of arts degree from that college. He served in the cabinet of Governor William McKinley in Ohio during his term of Governor of that State; was president of the Ohio Canal and Land Commission, postmaster of Columbus, Ohio, for 8 years; treasurer of Ohio Tubercular Society; treasurer of Columbus Associated Charities and of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association in that State. Moving to New York State, he became secretary and treasurer of the Buffalo Fertilizer Co., and vice president of the Third National Bank of Buffalo. For many years he was in the banking business at Milton-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., later moving to Ripley, N. Y., to be near his sons.

He was long active on civic committees in Chautauqua County; in fact, was still on some of these committees at the time of his death. He was a member of the Odd Fellows; a life member of Magnolia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Columbus, Ohio. In 1938, he was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, presiding at his encampment in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1939. He was again elected commander in chief in 1947, but illness prevented his attending the encampment in Grand Rapids in 1948. He had the distinction of outliving his father's family and also his own, with the exception of grandchildren.

Possessed of boundless enthusiasm, an amazing memory, and a rare gift as a conversationalist, he was a favorite in every circle in which he moved. The passing of Comrade Rownd was a blow to the Grand Army of the Republic from which we will not recover. In the passing of Comrade Robert McKee Rownd, we have lost one of our most faithful members, a man who possessed a knowledge of the rules of the organization that cannot be surpassed or equaled.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the foregoing memorial; that it be published in the proceedings of this encampment, and a copy of said journal be sent to the family.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
JAS. A. HARD,
ALBERT WOOLSON, *Committee.*

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF JOHN HENRY GRATE, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF

John Henry Grate, senior vice commander in chief and past commander in chief, died in office June 7, 1949, at the age of 103, following a short illness.

Born in Edinburg, Portage County, Ohio, August 1, 1845, he spent his entire life in the State of Ohio. Enlisting at the age of 18 on October 4, 1863, at Newton



ROBERT MCKEE ROWND
PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF



WILLIAM H. OSBORN
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Falls, Ohio, in Company F, Sixth Ohio Cavalry, he was sent to Cleveland for training. Early in March of 1864 he was sent to meet his regiment in Warrenton, Va., serving under General Sheridan. He was in numerous engagements in and around Petersburg, Va., and was discharged June 27, 1865. In 1872, he married Laura Gilbert, who passed away in 1944, just 19 days before their seventy-second wedding anniversary.

Comrade Grate was a member of John C. Frémont Post No. 729 of Alliance, Ohio, and up to the time of his death conducted his meetings regularly, with the assistance of the members of the allied organizations, he having conducted his last post meeting early in May. For the first time, he was unable to participate in the Memorial Day services.

Comrade Grate served as department commander of Ohio Grand Army of the Republic from 1945 until his death. He was elected senior vice commander in chief at Columbus, Ohio, in 1945 and in 1946 was elected commander in chief at Indianapolis, presiding at his encampment in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1947.

Beloved by all who knew him, a quiet, Christian gentleman, possessed of a keen sense of humor, his passing is keenly felt by all of his friends in the State of Ohio and the town of Atwater, Ohio, where he had lived so many years. He had but one son born to him, Charles of Lorain, Ohio, but he had reared a foster son, Clarence Eno, who came to live with the Grate family at the age of 5, and was loved as much as any son could be by our comrade. To these two sons we extend our sympathy. To know Comrade Grate was to love him, and his death brought a vacancy into the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic which can never be filled. His kindly advice during his term as commander in chief was appreciated by all. It was his one ambition to attend the final encampment, but this was not to be. His passing closed the Department of Ohio. He is being missed by his comrades and friends at this encampment.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the foregoing memorial; that it be printed in the proceedings of this encampment, and a copy be sent to the two sons, Charles R. Grate and Clarence Eno.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. DUMSER, *Past Commander in Chief.*

JAMES A. HARD, *New York.*

ALBERT WOOLSON, *Minnesota.*

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF WILLIAM H. OSBORN

William H. Osborn, junior vice commander in chief, passed away at his home on October 28, 1948, at the age of 105, after a brief illness. Comrade Osborn was born in Putnamville, Ind., May 7, 1843, and moved to Missouri with his parents while still very young. He enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, serving during the Civil War, afterward moving to Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and then to Harris, Mo. and Hennesy, Mo., where he took up a homestead, moving to Joplin, Mo., in 1925.

Comrade Osborn served as department commander of Missouri from 1942 until his death. He was elected junior vice commander in chief at the national encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich., in September 1948.

Comrade Osborn has had a long, Christian life, and his passing leaves a blank in the organization that cannot be filled. At the last encampment he attended, he spoke feelingly about the discontinuance of national encampments, saying that, as all good things must come to an end, the time has come to end these meetings, since none are able to make the long journeys any more; and only a few weeks after that he was called to his eternal home.

Comrade Osborn had been a regular attendant at national encampments for many years, and his sound advice has been missed since his departure from this life. We mourn with his son, Guy S. Osborn, in the passing of this comrade, but know that he is now with his loved ones, enjoying the reward that he so richly deserves.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the foregoing memorial; that it be published in the proceedings of this national encampment, and a copy of the journal be sent to the son, Guy S. Osborn.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. DUMSER, *Past Commander in Chief.*

JAMES A. HARD, *New York.*

ALBERT WOOLSON, *Minnesota.*

**RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF ADJUTANT AND
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL JOHN C. ADAMS**

John C. Adams, adjutant and quartermaster general, died in office February 17, 1949, aged 101. He was born August 17, 1847, at Romney, Va., and enlisted at the age of 16 in the Seventeenth West Virginia Infantry on August 31, 1864, serving as a drummer boy and as an aide to Colonel McDonald. He was mustered out June 30, 1865.

Comrade Adams became commander of the Indiana Department in 1946. In 1945, on the death of Quartermaster Ferguson, he was appointed quartermaster general, serving until he passed away. Illness prevented his attending the 1948 encampment, but he was reappointed adjutant and quartermaster general at that time.

Possessed of a kindly disposition, he was beloved by all who knew him. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church. His death closed the Indiana Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. He had been a regular attendant at national encampments for a number of years, and he is greatly missed by his comrades.

He is survived by one son and two daughters, to whom is extended the deepest sympathy of the National Grand Army of the Republic.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the foregoing memorial; that it be published in the proceedings of this encampment, and a copy of said journal be sent to the son, Edward Adams.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. DUMSER, *Past Commander in Chief.*

JAMES A. HARD, *New York.*

ALBERT WOOLSON, *Minnesota.*



JOHN C. ADAMS
ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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No. 1 }

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
Jamestown, N. Y., October 21, 1948.

I. Having been elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by the Eighty-second National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Mich., I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be opened in the courthouse, Portland, Oreg., after November 10, where all official communications will be addressed to the commander in chief and adjutant and quartermaster general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant and quartermaster general, John C. Adams, Jonesboro, Ind.

Patriotic instructor, Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Calif.

Chief of staff, Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.

Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

We regret to announce that word has been received of the passing of Comrade Charles L. Wingrove, of Topeka, Kans., thus closing the Department of Kansas.

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Commander in Chief.

JOHN C. ADAMS,
Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Portland, Oreg., December 28, 1948.

At the Eighty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Grand Rapids, Mich., September 26 to 30, 1948, the following-named comrades were elected to offices designated:

Commander in chief, Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.

Senior vice commander in chief, John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio.

Junior vice commander in chief, William H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.

Chaplin in chief, Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

California and Nevada: Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming: Robert T. Bryan, Boulder, Colo.

Connecticut: Charles Douglass, New Haven.

Illinois: Lewis Fablinger, Downers Grove.

Indiana: W. E. Whittinghill, Lebanon.

Iowa: James P. Martin, Sutherland.

Kentucky: Robert Barrett, Sr., Princeton.

Missouri: William Kowazek, Hawk Point.

Nebraska: Michael Bondoll, Beatrice.

Ohio: John H. Grate, Atwater.

Oklahoma: George Grizzle, Holdenville.

Oregon: Theodore A. Penland.

Washington and Alaska: Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Wash.

Wisconsin: L. A. Wilcox, Cadott.

The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief were announced:

Adjutant and quartermaster general: John C. Adams, Jonesboro, Ind.

National patriotic instructor: Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Calif.

National chief of staff: Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.

The national headquarters were opened temporarily in room 713 at the Multnomah County Courthouse, Portland, Oreg., on November 12 where all communications to the commander in chief and adjutant and quartermaster general should be addressed. The secretary, Miss Cora E. Gillis, elected permanently in 1946, is in charge of the office.

As usual, the executive committee of the national council of administration will consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant, and quartermaster general, and three members from the department representatives on the national council of administration. The following are appointed to serve with the officers named:

Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Calif.

L. A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.

Robert Barrett, Kentucky.

All requisitions for supplies must be sent to the adjutant and quartermaster general, John C. Adams, room 430, State House, Indianapolis, Ind., with checks made payable to the National Grand Army of the Republic.

The following amendments to the rules and regulations were adopted:

"That the requirements as provided by article 16 of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic as to alterations and amendments requiring a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual meeting be suspended for the time being at this annual meeting of the national encampment.

"That the deposits of funds, securities, and other vouchers be deposited in some national bank of good standing in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic and that checks may be drawn on proper vouchers by the national secretary of said Grand Army of the Republic for disbursements from the treasury of said corporation and that all chapters, articles, and sections of the rules and regulations of said Grand Army of the Republic inconsistent herewith are here and now repealed and eliminated.

"That chapter V, article VII, section III of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic be amended by adding after the numeral IV, 'and the national secretary shall give bonds for the faithful performance of her duties as may be required to cover the amount of funds deposited to the credit of the Grand Army of the Republic.'

"That the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic be amended as to chapter IV, article III, section 1, by adding after the word 'meeting' in the last line thereof 'with the understanding that the final meeting shall be held in the year 1949, on account of the age and infirmities and decrease of the few remaining members of the Grand Army of the Republic.'"

The following resolution of appreciation was also adopted:

"Whereas we are meeting in Grand Rapids for the fourth time, in our eighty-second national encampment: Therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the State of Michigan, the city of Grand Rapids, the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau, Mr. Frank Whitwam, the Hotel Pantlind, and the press of the city for the many courtesies extended to us and for the fine arrangements made for us: be it further

Resolved, That we express our deep appreciation to Congressman Bartil Jonkman for introducing the bill to bring the United States Marine Band to our encampment: and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to Senator Perry Greene for his efforts to make our encampment a success; and be it further

Resolved, That we once again extend our thanks to the President of the United States and the Members of Congress for permitting the United States Marine Band to be with us, and to Major Santelmann and his boys for the inspiring music which we have all enjoyed so much.

"May we also extend our appreciation to Col. Lewis Donovan and all who assisted in making our parade the success it was.

"Our thanks are also given to the First Congregational Church for the invitation to attend services at their church on the morning of September 26.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon our minutes and become a part of our permanent records."

The following resolution from California was also adopted:

"Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic, now in session at Grand Rapids, Mich., is meeting in its next to the last national encampment; and

"Whereas all living members have reached the remarkable age of 100 years; and

"Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic has given to the Nation five Presidents, a record of service, and patriotism unequaled in history: Be it

"Resolved, That we earnestly request and humbly petition that the Post Office Department issue a postage stamp commemorating the Grand Army of the Republic and that this stamp be first offered to the public at Indianapolis, Ind., on the occasion of the final encampment of our order."

Since there still seems to be some confusion about the organizations recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic, we will once more state that they are as follows: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In 1937, at the encampment held in Madison, Wis., the following change was made in the rules and regulations:

Article I, chapter I: This association cannot, shall not, and will not have any successors of any kind. This article cannot be altered, amended, or repealed.

At the same encampment an additional section was added to article V, stating that posts may admit to their meetings members in good standing in the Auxiliary and affiliated organizations in the order named above, but they may not participate in any official proceedings of the post, by vote or otherwise.

Your attention is also called to the fact that no post meeting may be held unless there is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic present.

Department secretaries are requested to forward to this office copies of all general orders and department journals, making sure that their final journals are sent to this office as these will eventually be placed in the Library of Congress, with the other books and papers of the National Grand Army of the Republic.

At the semiofficial meeting held in Grand Rapids, Mich., the following gifts were received:

National Woman's Relief Corps, general fund, \$1,000; Southern Memorial Fund, \$350.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, general fund \$1,000.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, general fund \$1,000; Southern Memorial Fund, \$350.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, general fund, \$500.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, general fund, \$500.

To our Auxiliary and affiliated organizations we extend our deep appreciation of your generous gifts. Your generosity in the years past has been greatly appreciated and has enabled us to carry on these many years.

The commander in chief wishes to express his thanks to his comrades in elevating him to this honored position and will do his utmost to carry on with the dignity due the office.

To the national presidents of the Auxiliary and the allied organizations the commander in chief extends his congratulations and the wish that your year may be happy and prosperous.

To all who have sent cards and gifts the commander in chief sends his sincere thanks and a wish for a happy New Year.

As we go forth into a new year, may it be filled with happiness and prosperity, and may an everlasting peace come to all the world.

By command of

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Commander in Chief.

JOHN C. ADAMS,
Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

IN MEMORIAM

William H. Osborn, junior vice commander in chief, passed away at his home on October 28, after a brief illness. Comrade Osborn had served as department commander of Missouri since 1942. Born in Putnamville, Ind., May 7, 1843, he moved to Missouri with his parents while still very young. He served in Company B, One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Infantry during the Civil War, afterward moving to Fort Leavenworth, Kans., then to Harris, Mo., and from there to Henessy, Mo., where he took up a homestead, moving to Joplin, Mo., in 1925. Comrade Osborn has had a long and active Christian life and will be greatly missed by his comrades. He was elected junior vice commander in chief

at the national encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich., in September 1948. The deepest sympathy is extended to his son, Guy S. Osborn, of Chicago, Ill.

KANSAS

Charles Wingrove, of Clay Center, Kans., passed away on October 8, having been in ill health for several years. He served in a West Virginia regiment during the Civil War and for a great many years was a regular attendant at national encampments until ill health kept him at home. Comrade Wingrove will be remembered for his fine rendition of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

NEBRASKA

Comrade Michael Bondoll, department commander of Nebraska, died in office December 24 at the age of 100. Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, he enlisted at the age of 15 in Company F, Seventh Iowa Infantry and had lived in Nebraska since 1909.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
1326 EIGHTEENTH STREET NW.,
Washington, D. C., May 2, 1949.

As announced under date of January 29, 1949, the national headquarters were moved to Washington, D. C., to the legal address of the Grand Army of the Republic, with the secretary, Miss Cora E. Gillis, in charge of same. All official communications should now be sent to the secretary at the address above given, where our business office is located.

The commander in chief wishes it distinctly understood that he has never designated any organization an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic and would have no authority to do such a thing. The reason for moving the office to Washington, D. C., was that our incorporation requires an office or place within the city of Washington where legal papers may be served, if necessary, and in 1935 the Grand Army in national encampment accepted the offer of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to use their headquarters for this purpose. It was deemed advisable to take advantage of this office at this time and discontinue the practice of moving from one end of the country to the other each year.

The Grand Army of the Republic has never recognized anyone as their auxiliary but the Woman's Relief Corps, regardless of any statements that may have been made to the contrary, and no such statement has ever been made by our secretary.

As the time for observing Memorial Day is fast approaching, it is the wish of your commander in chief that all who are able will assist in the observance of this day, remembering not only our own comrades who have left us, but those of the succeeding wars.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Monday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day. Eighty-one years ago this day was set apart by the members of our organization to pay loving tribute to those who have answered the last roll call, and since that time the roll has been increased by thousands, with but few remaining to carry out those instructions issued in that splendid general order which follows:

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 11 }

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feel-

ings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tatoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.
By command of

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that Nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met in a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

The national encampment has directed that these be read as a part of the public Memorial Day services. It is our hope that when our last comrade has passed to his reward that our affiliated organizations will continue to carry out these instructions and see that these splendid memorials are used in the years to come.

As in the past, the Sunday preceding Memorial Day will be observed as Memorial Sunday, this year the date being May 29. All members who possibly can do so are urged to attend divine service on that day with the Auxiliary and affiliated organizations, inviting other veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries to participate.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our adjutant and quartermaster general, John C. Adams, of Jonesboro, Ind., on February 17. While he had been in poor health for some little time, we had hoped that he might be with us for our final encampment in his own State. Comrade John S. Dumser, past commander in chief of Oakland, Calif., is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy.

The eighty-third national encampment will convene in Indianapolis, Ind., the week of August 28 to September 1, with headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and National Woman's Relief Corps in the Claypool Hotel. Full details will be given in the final general order.

All comrades able to attend this encampment will please notify our secretary, Miss Cora E. Gillis, 1326 Eighteenth Street NW., Washington 6, D. C., that proper reservations may be made for them. Reservations have already been made for all national officers and their attendants.

Your commander in chief wishes to thank all who so kindly remembered him with cards and gifts on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday, and particular thanks are due the Auxiliary and allied organizations and all patriotic organizations of Oregon who made his birthday such a memorable one with a splendid birthday party. Words are inadequate to express his feelings.

As a native of the State of Indiana and the last Indiana veteran living, your commander in chief is looking forward to the pleasure of welcoming you all to his home State.

By command of,

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Commander in Chief.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

IN MEMORIAM

John C. Adams, adjutant and quartermaster general, died in office, February 17, 1949, aged 101. He would have been 102 in August. Comrade Adams was also the department commander of Indiana at the time of his death. Born in Romney, Va., August 17, 1847, he moved to Indiana shortly before the Civil War. He enlisted at Wheeling, W. Va., at the age of 17, serving as a drummer boy in the Seventeenth West Virginia Infantry. A man of sterling character and a kind disposition, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him; and the sincere sympathy of the organization is extended to his son, Edwin Adams, and his two daughters, Mrs. Maude Stranahan and Mrs. Carolyn Thiebert, who survive. Military services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church in Jonesboro, with the American Legion and VFW firing squads paying the last tribute to the last member of the Indiana Department, Grand Army of the Republic.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade Marcus E. Getter passed away January 13, 1949, at the Birmingham Veterans' Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif. Born in Masonville, N. Y., he enlisted on March 19, 1864, in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, Company I, and was discharged August 29, 1865, at the close of the war. He was a past commander of the post at Long Beach, Calif., and was acting assistant adjutant and quartermaster general at the time of his death.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade Robert T. Bryan, department commander, died in office January 17, 1949, having served as commander since 1946. He enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Illinois Infantry, May 2, 1864, and was mustered out September 23, 1864. Sympathy is extended to his daughter, Mrs. Effie Clapper, of Boulder, Colo., with whom he lived.

INDIANA

Comrade W. E. Whittinghill passed away at his home in Lebanon, Ind., January 2, 1949, at the age of 100. He was a native of Harrodsburg, Ky., and enlisted as a sergeant in Company B, Fourth Kentucky Infantry.

MISSOURI

Comrade William Kowazek passed away December 12, 1948, at his home in Hawk Point, Mo., being the last member of the Grand Army in that State. He enlisted in Company A, Forty-ninth Missouri Infantry.

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade Charles Duckworth passed away recently at his home in Newtown, Buck County, Pa., at the age of 102 years. He was the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Pennsylvania. He was born at Furlong, Pa., December 6, 1847, enlisted as a private in Company I, Eighteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, February 27, 1864. This regiment saw service in 18 major battles, remaining at Winchester, Va., on picket and scout duty until after Lee's surrender, when they were moved to Cumberland, Md., and consolidated with the Second Provisional Cavalry. He was honorably discharged October 31, 1865. Comrade Duckworth was a past commander of Capt. H. Clay Beatty Post, No. 78, GAR, and his death brings to a close the Department of Pennsylvania. Sympathy is extended to his two daughters, Miss Emma Duckworth and Miss Eleanor F. Duckworth, of Newtown, Pa.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

It was with the deepest regret that we learned of the passing of the president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Jeannie Sanders, of Scranton, Pa., on the 21st of this month. She had been ill for several weeks but all had hoped she might recover and complete her year as national president. She had been an earnest worker in her organization for many years and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. We believe this is the first time in the history of our auxiliary that they have lost a national president during her term of office, and we take this opportunity to extend to our auxiliary and the members of the family, our deepest and sincere sympathy.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 4, }
SERIES OF 1948-49 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
1326 EIGHTEENTH STREET NW.,
Washington, D. C., July 25, 1949.

As announced in previous general orders, the Eighty-third National Encampment will convene in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., the week of August 28 to September 1, 1949. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the National Woman's Relief Corps will be located in the Claypool Hotel. The following will be the headquarters for the allied organizations:

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hotel Lincoln.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65, inclusive, Columbia Club.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hotel Severin.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hotel Severin.

Complete programs of meetings and entertainment will be available on arrival.

Lt. Gov. John R. Watkins of Indianapolis will act as general chairman, assisted by a committee composed of representatives from each allied organization.

Beginning August 10 the national secretary, Miss Cora E. Gillis, will be located in room 430, State House, Indianapolis, Ind., until August 25, when temporary headquarters will be located in parlor E, mezzanine floor, Claypool Hotel.

An invitation has been accepted to attend divine services Sunday morning, August 28 at 10:30 a. m. in the First Baptist Church, Vermont and Meridian Streets.

The memorial service of the Grand Army of the Republic will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. in the Indiana ballroom, at which time it will be our privilege to welcome Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Monday afternoon at 1:30 a special ceremony will be conducted at the monument in observance of the opening sale of the special commemorative stamp, honoring the Grand Army of the Republic. This was made possible by the resolution passed at the Eighty-second national encampment in Grand Rapids in 1948, and through much hard work on the part of our allied organizations and the

many Congressmen who were interested in making this encampment a success.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock a reception will be given by Governor and Mrs. John Schricker in the Governor's parlors in the State House, honoring Commander in Chief Theodore A. Penland and staff.

A meeting to receive greetings committees from our auxiliary and allied orders and friends will convene at 1:30 on Tuesday in the commander's parlor, suite 486-488.

The semiofficial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Indiana ballroom.

The first and only business session of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene Wednesday morning, August 31, at 9:30 a. m. in the commander's parlor, suite 486-488, Claypool Hotel. This will be a closed session for members of the Grand Army of the Republic only. Officers elected and appointed last year will continue in office until the closing of the organization.

The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday evening and for the first time in history it will be televised.

By action of the national encampment, women, children, and civilians (except in drum and band corps) are prohibited from participating in the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also by order of the national encampment floats of any sort, caricatures of Lincoln, Uncle Sam and other characters, will be excluded from the parade.

Immediately following the parade, the annual campfire of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the Indiana ballroom. This will be a historic event, since it will be the final campfire of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Once more, through the generosity of the Congress of the United States, we are to be honored with the attendance of the United States Marine Band, under the leadership of Maj. William F. Santelmann. We have enjoyed the music of this wonderful band continuously now since 1937, and they have become a part of our organization, for without this band no national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic would be complete.

The State of Indiana, the citizens of Indianapolis and our allied organizations in that State are working hard to make this the finest encampment ever held and our sincere thanks are extended to them. The tablet marking the spot where the first encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held may still be seen on the south side of the Colonial Furniture Building, which replaced the old Morrison Opera House. This year will be the eighth time that Indianapolis has welcomed the Grand Army of the Republic, and since it was the site of our first encampment, it is quite fitting that the final encampment should be held in the same city.

May we again call your attention to the fact that no post meeting can be held unless there is a comrade in attendance and if there are cases where this is being done you are requested to discontinue the meetings at once.

Attention is once more called to the change made in the rules and regulations at the 1937 encampment held in Madison, Wis., as follows:

Article 1, chapter 1: This association cannot, shall not, and will not have any successors of any kind. This article cannot be altered, amended, or repealed.

All mail for national headquarters should be sent to the secretary at Room 430, State House, Indianapolis, Ind., after August 5.

In accordance with the resolution passed in 1947 at the Cleveland encampment, on the death of Junior Vice Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd, Comrade Charles L. Chappel, of California, succeeded to that office and again on June 7 by reason of the death of Senior Vice Commander in Chief, John H. Grate; Comrade Chappel was advanced to the office of senior vice commander in chief.

In this, my last general order, may I express to the heads of the auxiliary and allied organizations my deepest appreciation of all that you have done for us these many years. Without the cooperation of all of our splendid organizations we would have been unable to carry on for such a long time. It is the wish and hope of the Grand Army of the Republic that you will all carry on together as one happy family in the years to come, and may your efforts be crowned with success and may peace and harmony prevail at all times. Let your motto be "United We Stand."

To my comrades, my sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me and your loyalty through the year. I am looking forward to greeting you in Indianapolis.

By command of

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Commander in Chief.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Robert McKee Rownd, junior vice commander in chief, chaplain in chief, and past commander in chief, died in office May 17, 1949, after a long illness, aged 104.

Born in Sarahsville, Ohio, October 22, 1844, the grandson of a Methodist minister, he enlisted for service in the Civil War at the age of 16 in the Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but after serving for a few months his age was discovered and he was released. Discouraged he waited until December 1862 when he was successful in enlisting in the Ninth Ohio Cavalry, Company B, in which outfit he served until he was mustered out on July 20, 1865, having been in about 65 engagements, including Sherman's march to the sea. Comrade Rownd began his career as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in Post 1 of Ohio, later transferring to James S. Brown Post of Jamestown, N. Y. His life was a long and useful one. He entered Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., in his youth, which education was interrupted by the Civil War, but in June of 1947 he received his belated bachelor of arts degree from that college. He served in the cabinet of Gov. William McKinley in Ohio, during his term as Governor of the State, was president of the Ohio Canal and Land Commission in Ohio, was postmaster of Columbus, Ohio, for 8 years, treasurer of Ohio Tubercular Society, treasurer of Columbus Associated Charities, and of the Grand Army Memorial Association in that State. Moving to Buffalo, N. Y., he became secretary and treasurer of the Buffalo Fertilizer Co. in 1903 and vice president of the Third National Bank of Buffalo. For many years he was in the banking business at Milton-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., later moving to Ripley, N. Y., to be near his sons. He was long active on various civic committees in Chautauqua County. He was a member of Excelsior Lodge I. O. O. F. of Ripley, N. Y., and a life member of Magnolia Lodge, F. & A. M. of Columbus, Ohio. In 1938 he was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, presiding at his encampment in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1939. He was again elected to the office of commander in chief at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1947, but illness prevented his attending the eighty-second encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich. He had the distinction of outliving not only his father's family but also his own, his three sons having preceded him in death, but he leaves a number of grandchildren to mourn his loss. Possessed of a boundless enthusiasm, an amazing memory, and a rare gift as a conversationalist, he was a favorite in every circle in which he moved. Funeral services were in the Methodist Church of Ripley, N. Y., of which he had been an active member for many years, with burial in the family plot in the village cemetery, where he had so many times decorated the graves of his comrades. Military services were conducted by the American Legion posts of Ripley and Jamestown, N. Y.

In the passing of Robert McKee Rownd the Grand Army of the Republic has lost one of its most faithful members, and sincere sympathy is extended to the grandchildren of this beloved comrade.

Comrade John Henry Grate, senior vice commander in chief, and past commander in chief, died in office June 7 at the age of 103, following a short illness.

Born in Edinburg, Portage County, Ohio, August 1, 1845, he spent his entire life in the State of Ohio. Enlisting at the age of 18 on October 4, 1863, at Newton Falls, Ohio, in Company F, Sixth Ohio Cavalry, he was sent to Cleveland, Ohio, for training. Early in March of 1864 he was sent to meet his regiment in Warrenton, Va., serving under General Sheridan. He was in numerous engagements in and around Petersburg, Va., and was discharged on June 27, 1865. In 1872 he married Laura Gilbert, who passed away in 1944, just 19 days before their seventy-second wedding anniversary.

Comrade Grate was a member of John C. Fremont Post, No. 729, of Alliance, Ohio, and up to the time of his death conducted his meetings regularly with the assistance of the members of the allied organizations, he having conducted his last post meeting early in May. For the first time, he was unable to participate in the Memorial Day services and parade. He served as department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Ohio from 1945 until his death. He was elected senior vice commander in chief at Columbus in 1945 and in 1946 was elected commander in chief at Indianapolis, presiding at his encampment in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1947.

Comrade Grate was a farmer, a wheelwright, and a carpenter, having a complete workshop in the basement of his home, and many of his friends have in their possession, folding clothes bars made by this beloved comrade even after he had reached his one hundredth birthday.

Comrade Grate was a man beloved by all who knew him, a quiet, Christian gentleman, possessed of a keen sense of humor and his passing is keenly felt by all of his friends in the State of Ohio and in the town of Atwater, where he had lived so many years. He had but one son born to him, Charles Grate, of Lorain, Ohio, but he had reared a foster son, Clarence Eno, who came to live with the Grates at the age of 5, and who now lives on the old Grate farm. To these two sons the Grand Army of the Republic extend their deepest sympathy. To know this kindly man was to love him. Funeral services were conducted in Alliance, Ohio, with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conducting the regular Grand Army service and acting as bearers and supplying the firing squad at the cemetery. Burial was made in the village cemetery outside of the town of Atwater.

“Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in service to God and man.
Beautiful calm when the course is run,
Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful death with a life well done.”

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.
APRIL 6, 1866

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois
First commander in chief

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBUT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. McKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. McNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	TIMOTHY LUBEX, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers are now appointed.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established in Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL, MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
MAY 14, 15, 1873**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOEBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, ² New York.
	{ MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
JUNE 26, 27, 1877

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGGSWELL, Massachusetts.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOROT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERBILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. F. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WHELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 408,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELLOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were effected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.,
AUGUST 25-27, 1897**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ³ Illinois.
	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
	{ DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established in Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership 247,340.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachu- setts.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	{ Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
	{ CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
	{ LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri.
	{ OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rt. Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D.C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

**FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 24, 25, 1911**

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912**

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

**FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine.
	{ A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

**FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas .
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

**FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915**

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHUM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

**FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28
TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916**

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Members, 149,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

**FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 20-25, 1917**

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNGN, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. D.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

**FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG.,
AUGUST 18-24, 1918**

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ¹ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEAH W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	Dr. M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	Dr. LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif. Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

¹ Died in office.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CRAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS D. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, ² Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ROBERT H. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ CHARLES H. HENRY, ³ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ² Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

² Died in office.

³ Resigned.

**SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928**

Headquarters were established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ THOMAS J. SMITH, ⁴ McCook, Nebr. MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio

**SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929**

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WEATHERBEE, Newton, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
AUGUST 24-28, 1930**

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWELL, Fort Morgan, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ DAVID N. HEIZER, ⁴ Colorado Springs, Colo. ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	{ COLA D. R. STOWITS, ³ Buffalo, N. Y. EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1931

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WASHINGTON F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA R. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.

SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 18-24, 1932

Headquarters established at Chicago, Ill. Membership, 13,066.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, ³ Chicago, Ill.
	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
	{ ARTHUR DAWSON, Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Waukegan, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	EMMET F. TAGGART, Akron, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN., SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1933

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 10,138.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ THOMAS H. PEACOCK, ³ Minneapolis, Minn.
	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
	{ JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DARWIN B. WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	T. M. KELLOGG, Portland, Oreg.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

³ Died in office.

SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 12-18, 1934

Headquarters established at Syracuse, N. Y. Membership, 7,807.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED E. STACEY, Elbridge, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARDING I. MERRILL, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Jackson, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	{ M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky. C. PERRY LOMAX, ³ Lincoln, Nebr.

SIXTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1935

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 6,244.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.

SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1936

Headquarters established at Pittsburg, Pa. Membership, 4,391.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY F. RUSSELL, Alliance, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ JOHN LITTLE, ³ Pittsburgh, Pa. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	{ SAMUEL P. TOWN, ³ Philadelphia, Pa. SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MADISON, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1937**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 3,325.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY HELD, West Allis, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	R. H. HOFFMAN, Denver, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.

**SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938**

Headquarters established at Ripley, N. Y. Membership, 2,443.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK L. QUADE, Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.
<i>Surgeons general</i> -----	{ Dr. A. B. GARRETT, ³ Gallipolis, Ohio. Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ MARTIN V. STONE, ³ Jamestown, N. Y. JOSIAH C. READ, ³ New York, N. Y. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, ³ Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREWS, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	TRUMAN N. PARSONS, Stratford, Conn.

**SEVENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1939**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 1,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN E. ANDREWS, ³ Quincy, Ill. A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa. W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans. WILLIAM H. MCCOY, Trenton, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, ³ Louisville, Ky.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ JAMES W. WILLETT, ³ Tama, Iowa. T. J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	O. S. PIERCE, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Dr. JOHN H. STONE, Kokomo, Ind.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1940**

Headquarters established at Topeka, Kans. Membership, 1,039.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	{ A. C. EASTABROOK, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOSEPH B. HENNINGER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ ASA O. GERE, ³ Stafford, Kans. T. A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

**SEVENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 14-19, 1941**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 763.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. GAY, Nashua, N. H.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS H. EASTERLY, Gunnison, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. GREEN, ³ Jamaica Plain, Mass. JOHN E. BRONSON, East Dedham, Mass.

**SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1942**

Headquarters established at Oakland, Calif. Membership, 518.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. PERRY, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EUGENE OWEN, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM H. OSBORN, Joplin, Mo.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 1943**

Headquarters established at Augusta, Maine; later moved to Portland, Maine. Membership, 393.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. JONES, Oxford, Maine.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LANSING A. WILCOX, Cadott, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
	EUGENE OWEN, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, Kent City, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM W. NIXON, ³ Jewell, Kans.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LOUIS E. QUINT, Minneapolis, Minn.

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 10-15, 1944⁵**

Headquarters established at Warsaw, Ind. Membership, 249.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Chaplains in chief</i> -----	{ MARTIN J. WARNER, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich.
	{ ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	{ WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, ³ Kent City, Mich.
	{ JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

**SEVENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4, 1945**

Headquarters established in Seattle, Wash. Membership, 163.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, ³ Los Angeles, Calif.
	{ ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ORLANDO LE VALLEY, Caro, Mich.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

**EIGHTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
AUGUST 25 TO 30, 1946**

Headquarters established Jamestown, N. Y. Membership 103.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO LE VALLEY, Caro, Mich.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ALBERT WOOLSON, Duluth, Minn.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.

³ Died in office.

⁵ Offices of Surgeon General, Judge Advocate General, and Inspector General abolished.

EIGHTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, AUGUST 10 TO 14, 1947

Headquarters established Jamestown, N. Y. Membership 66.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. BENNETT, Waynesfield, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant and quartermaster general</i> ¹ ---	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WM. H. OSBORN, Joplin, Mo.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

EIGHTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 28 TO 30, 1948

Headquarters established at Portland, Oreg. Membership, 28.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. OSBORN, ² Joplin, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, ² Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant and quartermaster general</i> ---	JOHN C. ADAMS, ² Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	ALBERT WOOLSON, Duluth, Minn.

EIGHTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1949

Headquarters moved to 1326 Eighteenth Street NW, Washington, D. C., February 1, 1949. Membership 16.

Officers were held over from previous year in accordance with resolution passed at the eighty-third and final encampment:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Oregon.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, ² California. ALBERT WOOLSON, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ ALBERT WOOLSON, Minnesota. JAMES A. HARD, New York.
<i>Adjutant and quartermaster general</i> ---	JOHN S. DUMSER, California.

¹ Offices of Adjutant General and Quartermaster General combined by vote of Eighty-first Encampment.

² Died in office.

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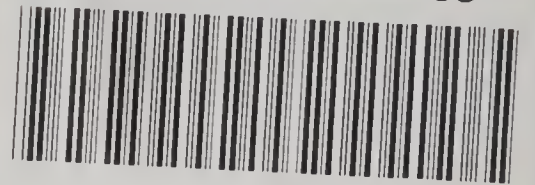
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